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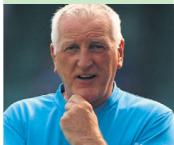
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Saturday, September 17, 2016 **SPORTS PINK** 

## No doom and gloom

Lukasz Fabianski insists the Swansea dressing room has paid no attention to the doom-mongers at the start of the Premier League season.

Successive league defeats to Hull and Leicester and an underwhelming transfer window in which they lost key players fostered a feeling among some supporters that Francesco Guidolin's side face a season of struggle.

But Swansea fought back to draw 2-2 with title hopefuls Chelsea last weekend, and Poland goalkeeper Fabianski believes that shows the spirit and character in the

"I wasn't really paying attention to all the doom



Lukasz Fabianski (right)

and gloom," Fabianski said ahead of Sunday's trip to Saints

"As a professional you just have to get on with your job.

'Every day you come in and just do the best you can. Other things are not in our power.

'We just control what we can control and with this group there is quality.

"In the second half against Chelsea you could see the character.

"Fans obviously have a right to share their opinion and we respect that, but we need belief from them as well.

"You see the (transfer) market and everyone has gone crazy, but you've just got to keep your head cool and just focus on the work.

## Tadic puts faith in strength of squad

### Peter **Howard**



DUSAN Tadic admits that only time will tell over whether or not Saints have enough strength in depth to cope with their hectic fixture list.

The Serbian has also accepted that it will be difficult to replicate the success of the past few seasons due to rivals' investment.

Manager Claude Puel has maintained that he believes he has sufficient options and quality to deal with a fixture list fit to bursting point with Europa League, Premier League and domestic cup matches in the coming months.

Although Tadic believes at this stage the Saints team has the numbers to get by, the playmaker knows the true reality of the situation may only reveal itself when the games are coming thick and

"The squad is large enough, but will see," he said ahead of Sunday's league visit of Swansea. Time will tell, but I think it is large enough."

The 27-year-old, who is a major part of Puel's new system as a number 10 behind the strikers. knows that the squad will have to be dealt with carefully to ensure that they are fresh for every

"You need to take good recovery," he said. "You need to eat good, you need to take good rest and sleep well.

"Normally when you have a lot of games you don't train so much. These are all important things and when the game comes you feel much better.'

Saints have achieved recordbreaking finishes and Europa League qualification in backto-back campaigns, but Tadic has recognised that the Premier League is far tougher after considerable investment from rivals



Tadic in action against Watford.

during the transfer window.

"Every time it (the Premier League) gets better and now a lot of coaches come to the Premier League and always it is always improving." He added: "It's much more difficult, all strong teams invest lots of money and then it's hard to be at the top of the table.

Tadic wants Saints to now get some much-needed points on the board in the top-flight, with their first chance to get a first win in the league at home to Swansea.

"It's always a worry when you don't get points, but it's important that you give your best, when you go on the pitch that you do the

right things," he said.
"We will try to take to points and put the pressure on us because we need to take points against everyone." He added: "Other teams also have a lot of qualities and that doesn't make it easy because of that it is important we take points as quick as possible.



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## CHERRIES FOOTBALL

## MANCHESTER CITY 4 CHERRIES 0

PEP Guardiola's stunning start at Manchester City continued as the Premier League leaders crushed Bournemouth 4-0 at the Etihad Stadium.

Goals from Kevin De Bruyne, Kelechi Iheanacho, Raheem Sterling and Ilkay Gundogan secured City's eighth successive win – an unprecedented feat for the club at the start of a season – since Guardiola took charge.

The only downside for City was the sending-off of Nolito for aiming a headbutt at Adam Smith in the 86th minute, but the performance as a whole was highly impressive.

Guardiola's men were commanding in possession and scintillating on the counter-attack. The Spaniard is threatening to mould a highly talented squad into something even greater than the sum of their parts.

From the back, where Aleksandar Kolarov again looked composed at centre-half, to a forward line formidable even without the suspended Sergio Aguero, City were magnificent and too strong for Bournemouth.

The hosts, and De Bruyne in particular, were in the mood from kick-off with the Belgian needing just eight seconds to register the first shot. Artur Boruc saved comfortably but the tone was set.

City spent most of the first 15 minutes encamped in the Bourne-mouth half and the seemingly inevitable breakthrough came after Jack Wilshere, making an ignominious first Cherries start, tripped Nolito. De Bruyne looked to be eyeing up the top corner at the resulting free-kick but instead cleverly rolled the ball under the wall to wrong-foot Boruc.

Bournemouth could not stem the flow, however, and after De Bruyne led another raid and released Sterling, the England forward unselfishly teed up a second goal for Iheanacho.

Only rarely did Bournemouth break into the opposing half, let alone reach the final third. When Joshua King did get behind the defence and squeeze the ball past Claudio Bravo, Nicolas Otamendi

## City to the four as Cherries crumble



tidied up with little alarm.

Were it not for Boruc, City could have won even more convincingly. The Pole saved a long-range effort from Kolarov and denied Sterling at close quarters following another slick move.

He was hurt as City scored their third goal, another superb counter-attacking effort. De Bruyne was again the instigator, sending Iheanacho free, and the Nigerian collided with the keeper in the process of setting up Sterling's simple finish.

Boruc required some treatment but opted to play on as Bournemouth tried to limit further damage. He stood up well to block Sterling at point-blank range after the winger had beaten most of the defence on a mazy run through the area. Sterling also lashed another effort over and Gundogan shot wide.

Yet Gundogan was not to be denied on his Premier League debut. De Bruyne slipped the German in on goal with another sublime ball and he finished well

with a deft clip over Boruc just after the hour.

The only blotch for City came in the closing moments as Smith caught Nolito and the Spaniard angrily pushed his head towards him. He did not seem to make firm contact but referee Jon Moss brandished a wed cord.



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## **Crusaders** in 6-1 win

JOSH Hawkins and Andrew Powell both scored twice as Crusaders caned Hedge End Athletic 6-1 in the Premier Division of the City of Southampton Sunday League.

Doug Rowe and Connor Rowe also netted, with Joe Williams replying.

Itchen Saints stormed into a 4-0 half-time lead en route to a 5-1 home success against Landguard Rovers.

Tony Sullivan, Danny Phillips, Aiden Johnson (2) and Scott Saunders were their marksmen, with Nathan Hildred replying.

Mason Baptise and Lewis Mitchell netted in the second half as AFC West End won 2-1 at KRL, Craig Swain replying.

Testlands thumped visiting CDA 6-1 in the Senior Division with goals from Callum Drake (2), Luke Fowler (2), Dempsey Foreman and Ryan Fuller. Matt Watson replied.

Liam Harris scored the only goal in the first half as Cricketers Arms won at AFC Riverside.

Ben Dawson, Brett Hall and an own goal made up RS Nomansland's 3-1 home win over Yacht Tayern. Craig Moorey replied in the first half.

## **Barway into** next round

BARWAY came from behind to reach the second round of the Southampton Divisional Sunday Junior B Cup.

They trailed Hamwic Rovers 3-2 at the interval, but emerged 5-4 winners with Nathan Gray (2), Nick Barrow (penalty), Lee Painter and Ricky Hart on target. Jakub Piasecki (2), Pawel Burdzy (penalty) and Ollie Clifton replied.

Chamberlayne trounced Boyatt Wood 5-1 in the first round of the Southampton Divisional FA Senior Cup.

Lee Osborne, Ollie Griffiths (2), Martin Hall and Adam Smith were the goalscorers, with Charlie Ford replying.

• Shaun Giles had a day to forget playing for AFC Carpeting in Junior Division 1 against Durley.

He twice put through his own goal as Durley ran out 6-0 winners, further goals coming from Mike Cooper (2), Ash Dallimore and Rick Rappini.

At least it was a big improvement on Carpeting's 20-0 defeat the previous weekend.

## Teams share the spoils in a 10-goal thriller

THERE was a 10-goal thriller in Junior Division 4 of the City of Southampton Sunday League as Mayfield draw 5-5 with Whiteheart.

James Shirley, Dan Martin, Luke Neary (2) and Aiden Reidy netted for Mayfield with Thomas Palmer (2), Liam Harfield (2) and Pawel Majewski replying. Sam Bessant netted in each half as Ports-

wood Reserves won 2-0 at Hedge End City.

Mitch Turley scored twice in the second half as Chamberlayne Reserves won 2-1 at Sholing Monks.

Aaron Nicholson and Ryan Williams gave Southampton United a 2-1 home win over RS Nomansland Reserves.

Callum Parker fired a late treble as AFC

Hedge End Town drew 4-4 at Athletico Romsey Town in Junior Division 5. He netted in the 76th, 80th and 84th minutes, after Macalley Smith had sent Hedge End in level at 1-1 at half-time.

Tom Munday (2), Sam Hudson and Will Pascoe replied.

Mitch Down and Jamie Beard netted in the first half as OTs & Romsey won 2-1 at AFC

Lee Wilkinson, Nathan Ward, Dillon Hopkins and Jason Calcutt (2) scored as Testwood won 6-2 at Burridge AFC, who twice replied through Ash Hodder.

Harri Williams, Richard Wakely, Sam Driscoll and James Parsons were the marksmen as Sporting Compass romped to a 4-0 win at Cricks AFC.

AFC Forestside thumped Abbotswood 9-0 in Junior Division 6 with Dan Jolly (2), Liam Golding, Tom Perry (2), Mark Levelle and Sam Vidler on target.

Alex Long (2), Matt McLaughlin, Ryan Cavana and Jamie Deeney gave Park Gate Panthers a 5-4 win at Nemesis. Shane Mair, Adam Deacon (2) and Lewis Parker replied.

Dean Laxton, Ben Smith and Luca Cordeddu shared the goals as Testlands Reserves won 3-1 at AFC Itchen Reserves.

Chamberlayne A beat Southern Sports 2-1 with goals from Ben Butterworth and Jack

# Ducks grab eight to thrash Bishops

## Simon Carter

BITTERNE Ducks thrashed Bishops 8-0 in Junior Division 1 of the City of Southampton Sunday League with strikes from Toby Withey, Zaine Rashid (2), Chris Pye (3), Tim Broomfield and Daniel Todd.

Gift Ngubane, James Erskine and Ben Williams gave Eastpoint a 3-0 home victory over AFC So-

Lee Dear. Billy Hunt and Gareth Spring fired AFC Southbrook to a 3-2 success at AFC Bishopstoke. Tom Hallett and Charlie Pennet-Harris replied.

James Christopher hit a hattrick as AFC Portswood won 7-3 at AFC Dorchester in Junior Division 2

Darren Joseph, Luke Wood (2) and Tom Upham also scored with Aaron Heskins, Jack Wyatt & Kieran Martin replying.

Jack Buss fired a first half hattrick as Curbridge defeated Test Valley Spartans 3-1. Josh Sharpe replied.

Alex Waterman led Fawley R.B.L's spree in their 10-2 home demolition of Marchwood Rang-

He bagged four goals with Daniel Fry (3), Jake Voller (2) and Shaun Auger also scoring for a Fawley side who only led 2-1 at the break. Ben Saunders and Ben Foster replied.

Bobby Pearce, Jack Solloway, Adam Carter and Grant Welsh all scored in the first half as Hunters Inn defeated Fryern 4-0.

• Neil Philpotts was AFC Spit-



Alex Waterman scored four goals for Fawley RBL

fire's hat-trick hero in their 4-1 Junior Division 3 victory at Port-

Jacob Surowiec also scored with Alex Azadegan replying.

Karl Stinchcomb and Callum Fielder struck in the second half as Bridge Manor triumphed 2-1 at Mottisfont, who had led at the interval through Matt Bosanquet.

Clayd Roach (2), Cameron Roach and Braiden Hamilton scored as Portswood United defeated Forest Home 4-3. Freddy Atterbury (2) and Michael Switzer replied.

## NON LEAGUE FOOTBAL

## WINCHESTER CITY 4 TRURO CITY

# Feeney shines as City trounce Truro

## Wendy Gee



WINCHESTER City brought the magic of the FA Cup to the Denplan City ground this afternoon, brilliantly shedding their 'underdogs' tag to overwhelm National League South outfit Truro City 4-0 in the second qualifying round.

The Citizens gave as good as they got early on and were the first to get a glimpse of goal on four minutes when Taz Roberts knocked the ball down to Howard Neighbour who slammed it straight at the keeper.

It was a solid, well-disciplined start by Winchester against a side two tiers higher and they went closer still after ten minutes

Having won a corner, Joe Briggs took it himself and his delivery was met by the bearded figure of Jamie Brown whose header was cleared off the line.

It continued to be all Winchester and another chance presented itself on 16 minutes when Neighbour and Craig Feeney worked the ball between them in a tight space in the box, eventually releasing it for Stuart Green who belted a first-time effort straight at Tom McHale in the visitors' goal.

Something had to give and it was the Southern League underdogs who deservedly made a 21stminute breakthrough.

Good work by Green and then Neighbour on the right teed-up Feeney who gave McHale no chance with a superb arrowed finish into the far corner.

With confidence high, Winchester played with a freedom that belied their lowly league position and they doubled their advantage after 28 minutes.

Feeney was outstanding, turning onto the ball some 25 yards out and driving at the Truro defence. His effort was parried, but the visitors didn't clear and it came to Briggs to net low on the angle from the right.

Truro were scarcely in the tie and, come the 37th minute, the Citizens were in dreamland when Feeney made it 3-0.

Roberts played him in and, with McHale coming out to close him down, Feeney confidently flicked it past him and it had rolled over the line at the far corner before Truro's on-loan Eastleigh young-



Winchester celebrate Joe Briggs' goal. Pictures: Chris Moorhouse



Winchester City's Craig Feeney scores the first goal.

ster Jack Smith could get there.

Truro missed when it had looked easier to score amid a goalmouth scramble from a corner

but, that scare apart, Winchester were hardly troubled.

Half time: Winchester City 3,

Truro City 0

Unsurprisingly the visitors had more urgency about them at the start of the second-half and home keeper Lewis Noice made his first save of the tie to keep out sub Rory Fallon's free-kick.

But the Citizens soon found their rhythm again and, after McHale had almost been deceived by Briggs's curling effort from the right, he fumbled the next effort that came in from the City 'number seven', but the linesman's flag denied Green as he netted the loose ball.

Winchester, though were giving away too many free-kicks and, fol-lowing a top drawer save by Noice to keep out Niall Thompson's goalbound strike, Matt Evans - on as a sub for Joe Haywood - cleared Fallon's header off the line.

But just when the visitors looked the likeliest to score, Green and Brown did the spade work to dig out a chance for Neighbour who found the bottom corner with a strike from the edge of the area for 4-0 on 72-minutes.

Truro made many more chances in the second-half than they had in the first, but Fallon glanced a header wide and Noice stopped Thompson's shot on the line.

In between Winchester midfielder Green had a thumping strike gathered by McHale at the second attempt.

## **Eastleigh** win at Macc

EASTLEIGH leapt above their opposition and into sixth in the Vanarama National League with a 1-0 win at Macclesfield.

Luke Coulson's 50thminute goal proved the difference and came after fine work by Michael Green. Joe Partington found himself in the book 30 seconds in after an innocuous tackle, but the Spitfires rallied with chances falling for James Constable and Jake

Macclesfield also spurned excellent opportunities to break the deadlock as Neill Byrne and Danny Whitaker fluffed their lines. After the break, and following Coulson's winner, Constable and and Mikael Mandron each had chances to extend the Spitfires lead, but it stayed 1-0.



Eastleigh: Flitney, Green, Howells (Dawson 87), Partington, Cresswell, Coulson, Johnson, Reason, Taylor, Constable, Mandron.

Macclesfield: Ross, Byrne (Halls 74), Pilkington, Whitaker (Mackreth 66), Hancox (Fitzpatrick 66), McCombe, James, Lewis, Rowe, Holroyd, Sampson.

## **Delay after** drone alert

BRADFORD'S home Sky Bet League One game against Bristol Rovers was temporarily delayed due to a drone circling over Valley

Referee Andy Haines halted play in the 65th minute with the game goalless and led the players from the pitch for their own safety as the drone hovered over the stadium, now known as Northern Commercials Stadium

Bradford's said on the club's official Twitter side: "The game has been paused for the time being.

"A drone has been spotted hovering in the air above the pitch." Haines brought the players back out after a three-minute delay and the match resumed.

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## **Underdogs** are 'superb'

CHRISTCHURCH boss Ollie Cherrett was generous in his praise of visitors Swanage Town & Herston following last Saturday's slender 2-1 FA Vase win.

Joe Clarke's stunning 18-yard looping header gave the Dorset Premier underdogs the lead before Priory's Luke Stone struck twice – the second coming in the last five minutes – to scrape the Sydenhams One hosts through.

Cherrett said: "It is hard when you're playing one of the lowest-ranked sides.

"On social media, I saw people saying we would score four or five against them, but it doesn't work like that.

"They brought a good following and it was a big day out for them. They were superb and represented their league



Luke Stone

extremely well.

'They stopped us playing in the first half and took the lead with an unbelievable header.

Christchurch now entertain Romsey Town in the second qualifying round next Saturday, September 24.

Romsey progressed 3-0 against Western One side Warminster, fired by goals from Craig Bryant, Will Harris and Dan Fox.

 HAMBLE Club have won the Sydenhams Division One club-of-themonth award for August after a 100 per cent start to

The magnificent Monks, new up from the Hampshire Premier League, won their first six games.

Leaders Blackfield & Langley have enjoyed a similarly explosive start in the Sydenhams Premier Division, but were beaten to the top-flight award by second-placed Moneyfields.



Portland boss Gary Bailey

## Moneyfields paying price for win

MONEYFIELDS' 2-1 victory over Portland United last Saturday came at a price.

Goals by Ashley Harris and Gary Austin kept the Money men second in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

However they haven now lost defender Curtis Da Costa to long-

Da Costa wound up in hospital with a dislocated shoulder and manager Dave Carter was sad to report: "Curtis is out for four to six weeks, which took the shine off the win for us.

"He has been fantastic for us and will be a big loss.

Moneys' win was the perfect response to the previous week's 9-0 humiliation at Chippenham Town in the FA Cup, and even beaten Portland manager Gary Bailey was content with his side's showing.

"It was a really close game, the boys gave me everything today," he said.

"I couldn't be happier today other than the result.

## **Burnett backed to** get Town on track

By Wendy Gee



ANDOVER Town chairman Stuart Barlow believes the appointment of Glenn Burnett as manager is a "positive" step in the right direction for the Sydenhams Premier club.

Former Romsey and Blackfield boss Burnett was handed the Portway Stadium reins less than eight weeks after the appointment of his predecessor.

Veteran campaigner John Rob son, who replaced Neil Benson as first-team manager in July, has taken on a new role within the club's academy programme.

Burnett, part of the backroom team when Blackfield clinched the Wessex top-flight title in 2013 and went on to manage the club outright, has taken former Alresford and Winchester City striker Zach Glasspool to north Hampshire as his assistant.

Glasspool was most recently a player at Sholing but was strug-gling with a back injury.

The pair have been tasked with turning around Town's poor start to the new league season, with the club labouring third-to-bottom ahead of today's trip to Portland.

It's all a far cry from last term when, under Benson's charge, Andover had high hopes of promotion and finished fourth.

Chairman Barlow said: "We've had a difficult start.

is not where we wanted to be. "But John Robson had a difficult

time with injuries, so struggled to get a regular side together.

Discussing the managerial changes, Barlow added: "John will be staying with us and will be working closely with Neil Benson in driving talent through the academy

"Glenn Burnett has been away



#### Glenn Burnett

from coaching for a few years but will bring in a lot of good experi-

"He was with Ashley Vickers when they won the Wessex League at Blackfield and with Paul Masters at Winchester.

"He is credited with helping to bring Romsey back from the

"He has achieved a lot at this level.

"It is a move forward for the club.

"With the way the league is this season I still think we can be there or thereabouts."

New manager Burnett got his reign off to a winning start with a 3-1 victory over Poppies in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup.

But his league baptism was as tough as it gets against his old club Blackfield who arrived at the Portway boasting a six wins out of six league record.

Shane Lock gave Town the lead but two-goal Jamie White and Liam Robinson put the Watersiders in seventh heaven with a win

## PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

# Magpies set to fly as Flooks signs up

By Wendy **Gee** 



ALRESFORD Town are celebrating a central defensive jackpot with the signing of Rob Flooks from Southern League neighbours Winchester City.

bours Winchester City.
Former Eastleigh, Fawley AFC
and AFC Totton defender Flooks
played a big part in City's push
to the Division One South & West
play-offs last season and is highly
rated by the Denplan City Ground
club.

But, with a young family and a change in his work circumstances, the 24-year-old can no longer commit to the travelling and has decided to drop into the Sydenhams Wessex League, writes Wendy Gee.

Alresford boss Richard Luffman said: "We've been after a centre-half since July.

"When Luke Dempsey decided to join Andover, it left a gap in the squad.

squad.
"We've got Liam Hall and Sam
Doswell who are both very good
centre-halves and after that it's a
young lad Sam Burt who is naturally a full-back.

"We don't want to stand still, we're trying to climb the league and do well in all the cups.

"Rob's one of the biggest signings we've made," he added.

"We've got a lot of good young players from out of the Hampshire League, but we also need lads like Rob and Chris who have experience at this level but are still young and fit."

It was Alresford's former Winchester midfielder Chris Mason, a good friend of Flooks, who alerted the Magpies to the possibility of signing him.

"We heard through Chris that Rob wasn't happy with Southern League travelling and we began conversations with Winchester a couple of weeks ago," said



Rob Flooks.

Luffman. "Winchester have cancelled his contract and we'd like to thank them and their director of football Dave Malone for dealing with it so amicably."

Flooks' departure was another blow to Winchester manager Ian Saunders who missed out on the signing of midfielder Neil Williams from AFC Totton.

"Rob cited a change in personal circumstances which affected

his availability in midweek and on some Saturdays as well, said

"Being a contracted player, that made things difficult for him.

"I've got a lot of admiration for Rob. When I was at Petersfield I tried to sign him until I found out he was on contract.

"Now circumstances mean he can't play in the Southern League, which is where he should be.

"His work's changed. I believe he's had promotion which means more hours and hopefully more money.

"Family comes first, I get that."
Two new arrivals – defender
Robbie Matthews from Salisbury
and Combined Services central
midfielder Matt Evans – made
their debuts in last Saturday's
2-0 home defeat by leaders
Hereford.

## Solent shed shaky start in cup wins

TEAM Solent haven't had the smoothest of rides in the Sydenhams Premier Division so far this season.

But James Taylor's side are progressing well again in cup competitions having lifted two pieces of silverware – the Southampton Senior and Sydenhams League cups – last term.

Having squeezed past Hythe & Dibden 2-1 in the FA Vase last Saturday, they opened their League Cup defence two days later with a 3-1 defeat of Horndean.

Tobi Adekunle got the ball rolling after 17 minutes on Monday and former QPR youngster Tyrell Mitford added two more.

Sam Smart pulled one back for Horndean, who also missed a second-half



Tobi Adekunle

penalty.

Solent's reward is a home tie against Brockenhurst in the second round.

Taylor's men had made hard work of beating Sydenhams One outfit Hythe & Dibden in the Vase at Clayfields.

Having missed a host of chances, they went 1-0 up on 56 minutes through Lewis Pitts, conceded a Seun Olabiyi leveller and then won it through Jamel Wiseman in the third minute of stoppage time.

"We played quite well, but we missed sitter after sitter and then somehow won it with the last kick," said Taylor.

"Our finishing was unbelievable – and not in a good way. We could have been six, seven or eight-nil up."

Awaiting Solent in the second qualifying round next Saturday is yet another trip to the Bristol area to play Western Premier outfit Hallen.

## Keeper joins Bridgewater on dual registration

EASTLEIGH'S third-choice goalkeeper Mark Childs has joined Southern One South & West outfit Bridgwater Town on a dual registration.

The highly-rated youngster appeared in the Spitfires' opening pre-season friendly at AFC Stone-

ham, but finds himself behind Ross Flitney and on-loan Arsenal youngster Ryan Huddart in the Silverlake pecking order.

A former England Schoolboy international, Childs attended the Sparsholt College Academy and has played Sydenhams Premier football for Andover Town.

Joining Childs at Bridgwater is another of Eastleigh's bright, young sparks Ollie Griggs.

The 17-year-old midfielder made his first-team debut for the Spitfires at Winchester City last season in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup, but has yet to feature in a National League match.

He has previously had loan spells with Wessex League outfit Brockenhurst and Southern S&W side Larkhall.

Bridgwater are due to visit Winchester City next Saturday. Saturday, September 17, 2016 **SPORTS PINK** 

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#### **NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL FIXTURES**

Tuesday, September 20
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: St Ives v Merthyr Town.
Division One South & West: Bridgwater
V Slimbridge.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP

Second round: AFC Portchester v Petersfield Town, AFC Stoneham v New Milton, Bashley v Aldershot Town, Basingstoke Town v Famborough, Cowes Sports v Andover Town, Eastleigh v Sports v Andover Town, Eastleigh v Alresford Town, Eversley & California v Gosport Borough, Fleet Town v Christchurch, Hartley Wintney v Havant & Waterlooville, Moneyfields v Horndean, Newport IoW v AFC Totton, Sholing v Hamble Club.

SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP Bemerton HH v Downton, Shaftesbury v Salisbury.

Wednesday, September 21 HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP Second round: Brockenhurst v AFC Bournemouth, Fawley AFC v Alton Town, Winchester City v Blackfield & Langley. PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP First round: Baffins Milton Rovers Res v

Fleetlands Res. SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP Pewsey Vale v Shrewton

Saturday, September 24
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wrexham v Chester (BT Sport, 12.15),
Aldershot v Gateshead, Barrow v York,
Braintree v Forest Green, Bromley v
Dagenham & Redbridge, Dover v Lincoln,
Eastleigh v Sutton, Guiseley v Macclesfield,
North Ferriby v Southport, Solihull Moors
v Boreham Wood, Torquay v Maidstone,
Tranmere v Wokino.

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EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE Premier Division: Baphury v Kinns

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v Hamble Club, Pewsey Vale v Laverstock
& Ford, Tadley Calleva v US Portsmouth,
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Infinity v Lock Heath, Liphook Utd v QK
Southampton, Overton v Liss, Winchester
Castle v Hedge End Rangers.
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Headley Utd, Netley Central Sports v South
Wonston Swifts, Sway v Lyndhurst, Upham
v Four Marks.
Combination: AFC Petersfield v Hayling

Combination: AFC Petersfield v Hayling Utd, Four Marks v Clanfield, Headley Utd v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Hedge End Rangers v Liphook, Paulsgrove v Bush Hill, QK Southampton v Overton.

## Penalty call 'cost Terras the game', says boss



Jason Matthews

WEYMOUTH manager Jason Matthews felt referee James Robinson's decision not to award the Terras a second-half penalty "cost us the game" in Tuesday's 1-0 Southern Premier defeat to Slough Town.

Just a minute after going on with the game poised at 0-0, Weymouth's Chris Shephard appeared to be brought down inside the box but nothing was given by the Southampton-based official.

Table-toppers Slough went on to claim the points with an 81st-minute Warren Harris decider

Reflecting on the decision, ex-Eastleigh goalkeeper Matthews said: "It was a really clear-cut penalty. I felt everybody in the ground has seen it.

"Obviously the ref didn't give the decision and, from that point on, I felt the game conspired against us."

Matthews, whose side sit mid-table, added: "On the whole I felt the ref had quite a good game, but he missed a vital decision.

 AS ONE loan player departed Dorchester Town this week, another arrived at the Avenue Stadium.

Eastleigh striker/full-back Tony Lee left the Southern Premier strugglers to link up with former Spitfires boss Richard Hill on loan at Whitehawk.

Dorch welcomed in midfielder Ollie Bassett, signed from Yeovil Town on a short-term deal.

Bassett, who has been training with the Northern Ireland under-19 squad, became the Glovers youngest ever Football League player against Crawley Town in September 2015.

## Willo turns down City to stay a Stag

By Wendy



STEVE Hollick has applauded Neil Williams' decision to remain an AFC Totton player.

Loyalty is a rare thing in football these days and deep down Stags' boss Hollick suspected Williams might be tempted into a move to Southern One South & West rivals Winchester City.

So he was pleasantly surprised when the hard-working striker-turned-midfielder informed him he would be staying at the Testwood Stadium.

League-wise there is nothing to choose between the clubs with both Totton and Winchester enduring disappointing starts to the campaign.

But what swayed it, according to Hollick, was that Williams was

happy where he was. Hollick said: "It's nice for Willo to stay and be loyal. It's not a trait you find too often in the local football fraternity.

"It's good when someone gets a nice offer from another club and could potentially leave but is happy to stay. "Willo likes the lads in the dress-

ing room here and was very complimentary about the club, which was good to hear. He can see what we're trying to do."

Williams, a former Blackfield frontman, was transformed into a midfielder at his last club Bemer-

Since stepping up to the Southern League in the summer of 2015, he has rewarded Totton with a series of tenacious perfor-



**Totton's Neil Williams** 

"We got almost 50 games out of Willo last season, so he's good value for us," said Hollick. "He loves the club. He said we'd been loyal to him, getting him out of Wessex League football, and he wanted to repay it.'

Winchester City boss Ian Saunders had been confident of signing Williams and admitted he was mystified to hear the "bombshell" news that the midfielder would be staying with Totton.

"He told me that, due to a change

in personal circumstances, he couldn't commit to the Southern League and he would more than likely play Wessex football," he said. "If he stays at Totton I'll be surprised after the reasons he gave me, but I wish him the best."

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## Holick 'chuffed' to Olly signs on loan sign striker Jarvis

By Wendy



PERSISTENCE has paid off for AFC Totton manager Steve Hollick with the signing of striker Ashley Jarvis.

Hollick first tried to get him on board in the summer but Jarvis, who had just left Wessex champions Salisbury, had already put pen to paper for Portsmouth outfit Moneyfields, writes Wendy

But the Stags boss kept his ear to the ground and, as soon as rumblings started that the experienced marksman was looking to move closer to his Southampton home, Hollick lodged notice of approach.

The seven days expired on Tuesday and, come the evening, Jarvis was unveiled as an AFC Totton

"I'm chuffed to nuts to get him on board," said Hollick. "Ash is a proven scorer who gets goals wherever he goes and he'll score in the Southern League.

"I tried to get him after Gos's (Mike Gosney's) testimonial, but he'd already signed for Moneyfields.

"But when it came on the radar that he was finding Moneyfields a struggle with the commute or whatever, I went in for him.

"I had a chat with Micky Jenkins at Salisbury, who was very complimentary about Ash, and I've got a good feeling about him.

"When you sign players you've got to weigh up their personality as well as football ability and Jarvo's tops on both.

"We spend a lot of time together as a team and he'll fit in well. He already knows a lot of the lads.'



Steve Hollick (right) welcomes new signing Ashley Jarvis to AFC Totton.

Gosney and Nathaniel Sherborne will remember Jarvis from his previous spell at Totton as part of their 2007/08 Wessex Premier title-winning side.

After forging a prolific partnership with Jamie Musselwhite at Folland, the former Brighton & Hove Albion trainee won the Sydenhams title again – plus the FA Vase – with Sholing in

He repeated the trick with Salisbury, scoring 23 goals in 24 starts and 20 sub appearances for the title-winning Whites

Jarvis leaves Moneyfields having netted four times in 10 appearances, half of them off the bench.

"Sometimes it's difficult for a Southampton lad to settle in at one of the Pompey teams, so it's nice for Ash to come back and feel at home," said Hollick. "He knows Wattsy (winger Nick Watts) from Sholing, so he can share a lift

With no FA Cup commitments today, Totton planned a team-bonding trip to Paultons Park for a game of foot golf.

The Stags return to action on Tuesday (September 20) away to Newport IoW in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup, but Jarvis is ineligible for the second round tie.

His first taste of Southern One South & West football could come next Saturday when Totton head to Shortwood looking to improve on a poor return of just four

points from seven games.
It's hardly the start Hollick had dreamed of, but Jarvis's arrival, combined with midfielder Neil Williams turning down Winchester City, has lifted spirits.

It was encouraging too that recent defensive signing Jack Vallis's return to fitness coincided with a 0-0 draw at Evesham last weekend - their first clean sheet of the season.

"We're going in the right direction, we just need a couple of wins to get out of that bottom group,'

SALISBURY have signed young Forest Green Rovers attacking bright spark Olly Mehew on a three-month

Mehew on a three-month loan.

Mehew impressed Whites manager Steve Claridge and his director of football Mick Jenkins while playing for Mangotsfield United at the Ray Mac.

"He's pacy and enthusiastic," said Claridge. "He'll bring us another attacking option as he can play up

option as he can play up

option as he can play up front or wide.
"What was encouraging was that Olly really wanted to come to the Ray Mac having played here and seen the set-up when he had offers from clubs higher up.

"We're grateful for a great friend of the club, (former Whites skipper) Scott Bart-lett at the Forest Green academy, agreeing the arrange-ment."

Mehew, 18, signed for Forest Green in the summer



Steve Claridge

from Bristol Rovers where he had been part of the un-

der-18s set-up.

He had previously been on Blackburn Rovers' books as a 16-year-old.

Salisbury will be the third Southern One South & West club he has represented.

He completed a month's loan at Mangotsfield and also spent time at Shortwood United last term.

Mehew's dad, Dave, is a Bristol Rovers legend and played for Forest Green in the 1999 FA Trophy final loss to Kingstonian at Wembley.

 EASTLEIGH are making FREE tickets available to all students for their home showdown with Paul Doswell's Sutton United in the Vanarama National League on September 24 (3pm). Tickets need to be request-

ed and collected in advance by emailing community@

eastleighfc.com.
The ticket office is open
Monday to Friday from 9am
to 5pm for collections.

## Young Pompey keeper prolongs Whites stay



Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain

SALISBURY have secured the loan signing of young Portsmouth goalkeeper Alex Bass for a further four

**And Fratton Park boss** Paul Cook even agreed that Bass would be eligible for the FA Cup, with Whites due to entertain higher division Gloucester City in the second qualifying round today.

"It's great news," said

Salisbury boss Steve Claridge, himself a former Pompey

"Alex is a top young 'keeper and we are delighted to have him here until the New Year.

"He's highly thought of at Pompey and we are grateful to Paul Cook and his staff for agreeing this move, particularly his eligibility for

cup competitions.' Bass's Portsmouth clubmate Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain - younger brother of ex-Saint Alex – has decided against returning to Salisbury for another month's loan,

"Christian had a good month with us and did well," said Claridge.

"We'd like to thank him for his time at the club and wish him well in his future career.'

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## **Continuing comeback**

FORMER Eastleigh player/assistant manager Craig McAllister will not be making an emotional return to Stoneham Lane when Sutton United come calling in the Vanarama National League next Saturday (September 24, 3pm).

The 36-year-old targetman is continuing his comeback from injury on a month's loan with Tom Widdrington's VNL South charges Eastbourne Borough.

McAllister is one of two Sutton players to have joined Borough on loan, along with defender Shaun Cooper who was also wanted by Poole Town.

Having helped steer Eastleigh to the 2013/14 Conference South title, McAllister enjoyed the same success at Sutton last season.



**Craig McAllister** 

Centre-back Cooper, 32, has also plied his trade at both League and non-League level, starting out at Portsmouth before moving on to Orient, Bournemouth, Torquay and Crawley.

Eastbourne boss and ex-Saint Widdrington said: "Whilst I've been very pleased with all the players' contribution to a very solid start, when players of this calibre become available it makes sense to strengthen our squad.

"The fact they are both available to feature for us in the FA Cup is also a huge plus.

McAllister is gradually building up his match fitness and played 76 minutes of Eastbourne's 1-1 draw at Poole Town last Saturday.

"Craig isn't quite at the stage where he can give us a full 90, but he gives us another option," said Widdrington.

## Hill glad to be given chance to prove himself



**Richard Hill** 

RICHARD Hill is back in football a year after quitting Eastleigh.

And the 52-year-old has thanked his new club Whitehawk for not judging him on reputation.

Despite overseeing three unprecedented years of success at the Silverlake Stadium, Hill's nononsense nature was not everyone's cup of tea.

He believes his reputation may have gone before him and is chuffed that Whitehawk opened the door to him as successor to sacked Argentinian Pablo Asensio "I'm delighted to get back in," smiled Hill.

"T've been a bit pre-judged because some have an idea about me, but Whitehawk haven't. It's great to speak to directors who are so passionate.

"They all made me feel really wanted."

League-wise, Whitehawk are in very much the same boat Eastleigh were when Hill took the Silverlake reins in September 2012.

The Brighton-based club are in the lower reaches of the National League (Conference) South and will know that, from a similar position, Hill transformed the Spitfires into play-off semi-finalists in his first season and then league champions the following year.

Hill is willing to give Whitehawk's multi-national line-up assembled by Asensio a chance to prove themselves, but has spoken of the need for a more "blood and guts" approach.

Hill said: "Until you work with players, you don't know them.

"I like experience in my team because I think it helps you win things."

# New signings put on a fine display

By Wendy Gee



EASTLEIGH fans will be familiar with Richard Hill's first batch of signings as Whitehawk boss.

No sooner had veteran midfielder Ben Strevens had his contract cancelled by the Spitfires on Tuesday than it was confirmed he had moved along the south coast to Hill's new Brighton-based charg-

es.

The ex-Silverlake boss has also swooped for frontman Reece Connolly, a player he handed a second chance to at Eastleigh after his well-publicised drugs test failure while at Farnborough, which eventually resulted in a sixmonth FA ban.

Also new in at The Enclosed Ground are young Eastleigh duo Tony Lee and Jack Masterton, who have joined the Hawks on loan

Having dipped his toes into the Brighton water with a 1-0 home defeat by Chelmsford on Saturday, Hill – who boasted an impressive 62 per cent win rate at Eastleigh – experienced that familiar triumphant feeling on Tuesday as he steered his new charges to a 2-0 victory at high-riding Hampton.

It ended a depressing run of seven games without a win for the Hawks and was H&R's first defeat since August 13.

All four new signings made their debuts and Eastleigh young-ster Lee capped a fine display by picking up Whitehawk's man-of-the-match award.

Elsewhere in the Vanarama National League South on Tuesday, Gosport Borough's four-match



Tony Lee

unbeaten run came to an abrupt end with a 4-0 defeat at Bath City. Kick-off was delayed slightly due to a floodlight failure and it turned into a gloomy night for Borough as Shaquille Hunter, Nick McCootie, Naby Diallo and Josh Hutchinson (penalty) fired the Romans to glory.

Poole Town kept another clean

sheet in a 0-0 stalemate against Truro City at Treyew Road. Truro almost won it though Cody Cooke at the death, but Nick Hutchings denied them with a smart save.

## PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

# Spitfires great set for fresh chapter

By Wendy **Gee** 



IT WAS the end of an era at Eastleigh this week as Ben Strevens left the Silverlake Stadium to open a new chapter of his career at Whitehawk. And the midfielder – one of the

And the midfielder – one of the most accomplished players ever to don a Spitfires shirt – says he will take some cherished memories with him along the south coast, writes Wendy Gee.

It was no surprise to see Strevens teaming up again with Whitehawk's new boss Richard Hill, the man who brought him to Stoneham Lane in the summer of 2013 following his release from Dagenham & Redbridge.

On more than one occasion during Hill's Eastleigh reign, Strevens would emerge from the Silverlake dressing room and the boss would break away from his post-match interview to observe: "Best player this club has ever had."

Eastleigh's progress with ex-Barnet and Wycombe man Strevens manning the engine room was undeniable.

In his first season as a Spitfire, Eastleigh delivered the Conference South (now National League South) title to Stoneham Lane.

The second year, the club's maiden voyage at National League level, took them all the way to the play-off semi-finals at the first attempt.

And last term, following Hill's departure, Strevens was the man on the spot as his coolly-taken penalty sealed an historic 1-0 FA Cup victory at Crewe Alexandra –



Eastleigh's first ever competitive game against Football League op-

Even Strevens wasn't perfect though, and occasionally his ultra-competitive nature would let him down.

He blotted his copybook in February this year, getting a straight red card for spitting in the direction of Forest Green striker Jon Parkin at the New Lawn and miss-

ing out on some key games in the

The offence carried an automatic six-match ban which was upped to seven because it was his second dismissal of the campaign.

Following Hill's departure in September last year, Strevens helped out new boss Chris Todd on the coaching side and then went on to become his official right-hand man.

Now aged 36, he had not featured as a player this season.

His last significant contribution was to take caretaker charge of Eastleigh's 0-0 draw at Wrexham on August 20 after Todd had been sacked and Ronnie Moore named as his replacement.

But, with Moore bringing in Kevin Watson as his assistant, it was only a matter of time before 'Strevs' moved on.

## Boss speaks over switch

ROBBIE Matthews' switch to Southern One South & West rivals Winchester City has "disappointed" Salisbury manager Steve Claridge.

The vastly experienced 34-year-old, who can play as a centre-half or striker, plumped for a move to the Denplan City Ground last week and made his Winchester debut in Saturday's 2-0 home defeat by league leaders Hereford, writes Joel Holt.

Claridge says he tried to retain the services of the Whites legend by making him a "good offer", but he declined.

"I'm still not quite sure of the situation," said the Salisbury boss. "Robbie said he would ring me at a certain time and didn't, and that was the end of it. I am disappointed with the way this has come about



Robbie Matthews.

 Robbie was made a very good offer but chose not to accept it."

Matthews has since been in contact with *The Sports Pink's* sister newspaper, *The Salisbury Journal*, on Facebook, taking issue with Claridge's comments. He posted: "1. I got

He posted: "1. I got offered a lot less money after helping with promotion.

"2. I was told I'm only worth that much to the club.

"3. Told I wouldn't play much and would always be injured.

"4. I rang Claridge exactly at 9pm he didn't answer so left a voicemail.

"5. Didn't get paid a penny for the month I worked there."

He added: "Nice one Claridge."

Matthews made 32 appearances in the club's Wessex Premier-winning season of 2015/16 and scored 13 goals.

## Magpies buzzing after great start to season



**Matty Holmes** 

BOSS Matty Holmes says his Wimborne Town players are "buzzing" to have started the Southern One South & West season so well.

Prior to last Saturday's trip to Slimbridge, only league leaders Hereford had a better points return than the Magpies.

And, although Wimborne slipped from second to fourth with a 1-1 draw in Gloucestershire, it has been an impressive launch to Holmes' Cuthbury reign following his appointment in May.

While Winchester City and AFC Totton are labouring at the wrong end, the Magpies have banked 14 points from their opening seven games – one better than Salisbury.

"Footballers can sometimes go into comfort zones, but they are buzzing about where they are," said Holmes. I don't think they have been in this position for a while, but it's early days.

"I'm delighted, given the small amount of players we've had available. The players have shown real focus and worked hard for each other. "If you have players who are enjoying their football, they will put a shift in and that's half the battle."

The manager's son Luke Holmes scored directly from a corner to extend the Magpies' unbeaten run to four games at Slimbridge.

The ex-Cherries youngster's setpiece curved in at the last second to outfox keeper Adrian Kowalski 13 minutes from time.

Slimbridge made the breakthrough with Jack Twyman drilling home in the 39th minute. Saturday, September 17, 2016 **SPORTS PINK** 

Eastleigh manager Ronnie Moore.

## **Paralympic** triumphs

Great Britain matched the London 2012 haul of 34 gold medals at the end of Tuesday's sixth day of the Rio Paralympics.

Here, the Sports Pink asks why Britain is so great at Paralympic sport.

#### 1. Professionalism

Expertise is shared with Olympic counterparts. Planning is meticulous. Funding is available. Nearly every medallist has thanked the Lottery players which fund UK Sport, the umbrella body which distributes money. ParalympicsGB chef de mission Penny Briscoe has led numerous trips to Rio since London 2012 to ensure her team was the best prepared. It has paid dividends. Knowledge and equipment is shared with Olympic counterparts. For example, wheelchair racer David Weir wears the same style of helmet as Jason Kenny did in winning three Olympic cycling gold medals.

### 2. Russian absence



Sarah Storey.

Everyone at ParalympicsGB acknowledged that the absence of Russia would boost the medal haul. The International Paralympic Committee banned Russia - second in the London 2012 medal table, ahead of Britain - in the wake of the McLaren Report which exposed statesponsored doping. Unlike the International Olympic Committee, the IPC and its president, Sir Philip Craven, favoured principle and morals over pandering to a global superpower. Russia has work to do to meet compliance requirements on anti-doping to be eligible to return for the 2018 Winter Paralympics in Pyeongchang.

#### Generation game

Dame Sarah Storey is 38. Sascha Kindred is 38. Richard Whitehead is 40. Jody Cundy is 37. The veterans are performing.

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## PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL Life and times

## By Simon

RONNIE Moore took over as Eastleigh boss last month with one fact very much in his favour.

During all his time as a manager, starting with Southport in the mid 1990s, he has never been relegated.

That is not why Eastleigh owner Stewart Donald appointed him to replace the sacked Chris Todd,

The Spitfires' ambitions reach far beyond avoiding relegation to the National League South at the end of the current season.

No, Moore has been hired to mastermind promotion.

In the respect, he has a good CV

And if he can repeat what he managed in his first Football League managerial stint at Rotherham United, Donald's dream of seeing Eastleigh in League 2 - and no doubt beyond will have been gloriously real-

Back in May 1997, Rotherham had just been relegated to the fourth tier of English football.

They needed a new manager – after ending the season with just three wins in 20 games - and Ronnie Moore was loved by the Millmoor faithful.

His goals had helped the Millers to the Third Division title in 1980/81 and, improbably, into the second tier's top seven the following season.

Those performances helped him come third when Rotherham fans were asked to select their club's greatest ever player by the Football League to help them celebrate their 125th anniversary.

Moore, then, had magic dust in his boots during his playing time at Rotherham - but could he repeat that success as a manager?

After all, his only previous managerial experience from many years as John King's number two at Tranmere – was a short stint with non leaguers Southport.

The answer was a positive one, though.

Indeed he could.

In his first season in charge, 1997/98, Rotherham finished fifth.

Qualifying for the play-offs, they had to face a Leyton Orient side who they had already beaten 4-1 and 3-1 in the regular season.

When the pressure was on, though, the clubs played out two goalless draws before the Londoners won a penalty shoot out to reach Wembley.

A bitterly disappointing ending to Moore's debut season as a professional manager, therefore.

It was one soon forgotten, how-

If Rotherham won, they would

ever, as he oversaw stunning back-to-back promotions

Rotherham finished 1999/2000 fourth tier season in second place.

Giant striker Leo Fortune-West was top scorer with 17 goals, with ex-Nottingham Forest striker Lee Glover next with ten.

Moore's men actually led the table from January 15 to April 15, before a last-day title showdown at home to Swansea.

be crowned champions.

If Swansea avoided defeat, they would collect the title. And avoid defeat they did, with a 1-1 draw.

Within a month of the 2000/01 season starting, Fortune-West had moved to Cardiff for £300,000.

Moore had already signed two new strikers, though, and both were inspired signings as Rotherham again finished second.

Mark Robins has gone down

in football folklore as the young striker whose FA Cup winner at Nottingham Forest in early 1990 saved Alex Ferguson from the sack at Manchester United.

Ten years on, Moore signed Robins after the player had netted just six times in 40 league games for Walsall in 1999/2000.

Robins struck twice on his league debut for Rotherham ironically in a 3-2 loss to former club Walsall - and hardly stopped

## K NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL of boss Moore

**Masterminded back**to-back promotions during first spell at Rotherham ...

**Was within seconds** of guiding Tranmere into League 1 playoffs...

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scoring after that.

He ended his debut season in south Yorkshire with 24 league goals as Rotherham reclaimed their second tier status they had lost in 1983 when Moore was a player at the club.

Second top scorer in 2000/01 was youngster Alan Lee.

Signed by Moore from Aston Villa, Lee – another imposing striker at 6 ft 2 in – netted 13 goals and would go on to play for Ipswich and Crystal Palace.

For his achievement in masterminded a second successive elevation, Moore was named the third tier's Manager of the Season for 2000/01 – an honour which usually goes to the manager of the champion club.

Rotherham survived in the sec-

ond tier in 2001/02 – just.

They finished the term one place above the three-club drop zone, level on points with relegated Crewe.

Crewe actually beat Rotherham 2-0 on the final day, but needed a much larger win - Moore's men stayed up by virtue of a plus 15 better goal difference than the

The Millers subsequently finished 15th in 2002/03 - six places ahead of fourth from bottom Stoke City - and 17th in 2003/04.

Moore would probably have a relegation on his CV had he stayed at Rotherham for the entire 2004/05 season.

Failing to win in their first 20 games, the Millers were rock bottom when Moore resigned at the end of January 2005 – saying he had taken the club as far as was possible on crowds of under

In early March, he was back in management at Oldham Athletic.

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## **Paralympic** successes

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All four have won gold medals in Rio. Lee Pearson, 42, Anne Dunham, 67, and 37-year-old David Weir could. too. Britain has athletes nearing the end of their careers still performing. And others, many inspired by the performances of Storey, Weir et al at London 2012, are delivering in their first

### 4. Performance focus

There was a classification brouhaha prior to the Games, with allegations made that Britain is exploiting the system; fielding lesser impaired athletes at the expense of others. Classification is a continuum - no two athletes have the same level of impairment - but fundamental to Paralympic sport.

To an extent the pre-Games claims are true: ParalympicsGB do pick those with a better chance of winning medals. It categorically



Ellie Robinson.

denies "intentional misrepresentation", though, where athletes are deliberately entered into the wrong classification.

#### The London effect

The likes of two-time gold medallist Georgina Hermitage and 15-vear-old swimmer Ellie Robinson, who also has a gold, were inspired by London. The British nation as a whole was. It changed perceptions of (dis)ability.

It was about what athletes can do; not what they cannot. ParalympicsGB is ahead of the curve, ahead of rival nations belatedly treating

Paralympic sport seriously.
When the United States starts investing in the Paralympics - in time, emotion and finance - the rest of the world must watch

China, with its vast 83million disabled population, may be too difficult to catch, though. 14 Saturday, September 17, 2016 SPORTS PINK

## **Some Storey!**

DAME Sarah Storey won gold in the C5 road time-trial at the Rio Paralympics this week – her 13th Paralympic title

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at four things about the British female with the most Paralympic gold medals.

### 1 BREAKTHROUGH

Aged 14 and then competing as Bailey, her maiden name, she won her first two gold medals as a Paralympic swimmer before returning home to start her GCSEs. She won six medals in all in 1992 – also claiming three silvers and a bronze – and collected five golds, eight silver and three bronze medals in the pool across four Games.

### 2 EARACHE

A series of chronic ear infections kept Storey out of the water in the aftermath of the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, where she won three medals, but no gold. Storey, born with a deformed left hand, began cross-training



Sarah Storey

on the bike before switching sports in 2005.

### **3 BEIIING BOUNTY**

Within three years of her first velodrome revolutions, two gold medals followed in Beijing – one on the same day as husband Barney. Along with archer Danielle Brown she became the first disabled athlete to represent England at a Commonwealth Games. Then, when the three-rider, 3km team pursuit was introduced to the London 2012 Olympics, Storey was in the squad, but was dropped in December 2011.

## 4 QUEEN OF THE ROAD

Storey won four titles at the London 2012 Paralympics to take her overall tally to 11 alongside former wheelchair racer Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson. She won two in the velodrome – again one on the same day as her

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At the time of his arrival, the Latics were 19th in League 1 – just a point ahead of the drop zone.

Though he won only four of his 12 games that season, Oldham ended the season where he had joined them – in 19th place and a point ahead of relegated Torquay.

The following season, 2005/06, Oldham improved to tenth place – Moore winning the division's Manager of the Month award for December en route.

That was enough for the club where Moore had started his professional career, Tranmere, to come calling.

After finishing ninth and 11th in his first two seasons at Rovers, Moore suffered last-day agony in 2008/09.

They travelled to Nigel Adkins' Scunthorpe on the final day knowing they had to win to overtake the Iron and claim the final League 1 play-off spot.

As it was, they could only manage a 1-1 draw – agonisingly conceding an equaliser two minutes from time - and Scunthorpe went on to win promotion via the playoffs.

Moore was – some might say harshly - sacked by Tranmere a few weeks later, and the following September was back in charge of Rotherham.

Could he sprinkle some fairydust for a third time at the south Yorkshire club?

Not this time, no.

Initially, the signs were impressive.

Moore guided Rotherham to a fifth place finish – winning the Manager of the Month award for November 2009 – and their season ended at Wembley for the League 2 play off final.

Ryan Taylor twice levelled, but the Millers suffered a 3-2 loss to Dagenham & Redbridge, who had finished the regular league season two places and a point behind Moore and co.

The following season, 2010/11, saw Rotherham competitive throughout and in fact they had never been out of the top six when Moore left in March 'by mutual consent' after a 5-0 loss to Chesterfield.

Though Rotherham won their next game 6-0 at Lincoln, they didn't win any of their next seven and finished ninth – four places lower than they had been when Moore departed.

Moore was out of football for a year, returning in March 2012 to another of his former clubs, Tranmere Rovers.

At the time of his arrival, Rovers were sixth bottom and only a point above the drop zone.

Thanks to winning six of his 13 games, they finished well clear of relegation worries in 12th place.

The revival continued the fol-



lowing term, 2012/13, with Tranmere third in the table in late

February.
However, they only won one of their final nine games – failing to score in the other eight – and tailed off to finish 11th.

The downward spiral continued in 2013/14, Rovers losing seven of their first ten games to fall to bottom spot in League 1.

They had improved slightly – lying sixth bottom - by the time Valentine's Day brought bad news for Moore with the news that he was being investigated by the FA over a claim he breached betting rules

It was understood the allegation related to regulations which prevent him from betting on any competition in which his club is involved.

A Tranmere statement said: "Tranmere Rovers are aware of media reports regarding Ronnie Moore. As this is an ongoing matter the club will make no further comment at this time."

Three days later, Tranmere suspended Moore.

In late March, Moore was charged by the FA. He admitted

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the offences on April 9 and was sacked by Tranmere the following day.

Rovers, who were out of the bottom four when Moore departed, subsequently lost four of their last five games and were relegat-

Moore returned to football management on December 16, 2014, at Hartlepool United.

It was a thankless task he was taking on, with Pools rock bottom of the Football League and effectively seven points from safety as they had a worse goal difference than any of their rivals.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for me and I can't wait to get going, that's for sure," Moore said on his arrival at Victoria Park.

'I've been out of it too long but

I've never lost my appetite, my enthusiasm or my endeavour.

By the end of January, however, Hartlepool were still bottom and were now effectively ten points adrift of safety.

Moore's proud record of having never been relegated as a manager was under severe threat.

Yet, against the odds, he masterminded a stunning recovery

Golden girl
Ellie Simmonds won Rio
gold in the SM6 200 metres individual medley - her fifth Paralympic gold

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Here, the Sports looks at five things about the 21-yearold from Aldridge.

### 1. Shockwave

Simmonds was a 13-yearold when she won two gold medals in Beijing, a Games she enjoyed so much that she did not want to go back to Olchfa school in south Wales, except to see her friends. She timed her finish to perfection to claim a shock win in the S6 100m freestyle in the Water Cube, before adding gold in her favourite event, the 400m freestyle.

#### 2. Swansea switch

Simmonds and her mum, Val, split their time between the west Midlands and south Wales, so she could be coached by Billy Pye, a former miner based in Swansea. That was 12 months prior to Beijing. She has since had spells at Loughborough and now Manchester.



Ellie Simmonds.

### 3. Face of London

So captivating was Simmonds' story from Beijing that she became a darling of British sport.

And a huge portrait of Simmonds adorned the side of the Westfield shopping centre by the Olympic Park in Stratford ahead of the 2012 Paralympics.

Simmonds delivered by defending her S6 400m freestyle title and triumphed in the SM6 200m individual medley, too, to give her four Paralympic titles aged 17.

#### 4. Bake Off

Following Beijing, Simmonds had a tour of the McLaren Formula One team's headquarters with then world champion Lewis Hamilton, which was a life highlight.

Post-London she went on the Great British Bake Off for Comic Relief - "I loved that," said the keen baker.

Armed with all his experience, Moore knows that football management is dog eat dog business.

The smiles can quickly turn to scowls, and so it was last season when he was sacked by Pools in

Pools embarked on a run of sev-

en wins in 12 matches that hauled

themselves off the bottom and a

2-1 home win over Exeter in their

penultimate game ensured their

With a huge dose of irony, the

result relegated Tranmere - the

club where Moore had made his

name as a goalscorer in the mid

1970s before his two managerial spells at Prenton Park – to non

An emotional Moore said afterwards: "For me as a manager, I don't think you can better that. "If you look where we were and what has happened, it's just been

"Deep down, I didn't think we

"I have the same feeling and buzz that I had when we got back-to-back promotions [at Rother-

"I have said on Twitter that I think this was the biggest game

"It's not easy to come back if you go back out of the Confer-

ence. That drop would have been unbelievable. We're a league club

survival.

league football.

astounding.

could do it.

in the club's history.

still and that's fantastic."

ham.

early February.

He had won only seven of his 26 League 2 games and the club were third bottom, four points above the drop zone but with games in hand on all their relegationthreatened rivals.

From a Hartlepool point of view, the end result justified the means the club won eight of their last 20 games and eventually finished 17 points clear of the drop zone.

This season, though, Pools can again be found towards the bottom end of the fourth tier and last weekend were blitzed 6-1 by a Stevenage side who had started the day below them in the table.

Moore was sacked by Pools after a 2-1 home loss to Stevenage last February.

Eastleigh will hope the north east club's loss is very much their gain, and that Moore can claim his first promotion since 2001 at the Silverlake Stadium.

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### **Hackers**

More confidential medical records from leading athletes have been leaked by hackers who targeted the World Anti-

Doping Agency database. Cyclists Sir Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome are among those whose details have been made public, in a move which has been condemned by antidoping authorities.

Here, the Sports Pink answers the key questions around the issue:

Who are the hackers? A cyber espionage group known as 'Fancy Bears', which is believed to be from Russia. It says on its website that it stands for "fair play and clean sport" and that it will provide "sensational proof of famous athletes taking doping substances".

What information have the hackers got and how did they get it?

Fancy Bears has gained access to WADA's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS), via an International Olympic Committee-created account



Sir Bradley Wiggins.

for the Rio Games, to release private medical data. ADAMS is used by elite athletes to update their 'whereabouts' for out-ofcompetition drug testing. It is also used to store laboratory results, antidoping rule violations and, key in this case, Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) authorisations

What is a TUE? An exemption that allows athletes to use a medication that is on WADA's prohibited substances list because of an illness or condition. There are strict criteria for one to be granted: the athlete would suffer significant health problems without taking the substance, it would not be significantly performance enhancing, there is no reasonable therapeutic alternative to its use and the need to use it is not due to prior use without a TUE.

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## Franny is back

## By Simon



AS Franny Benali prepares for his latest challenge he admits he has had to learn to ride a bike

Two years after Benali's Big Run, the Saints legend is preparing to complete a two-week, 1,400mile duathlon to every Premier League and Championship club to raise more money for Cancer Research UK.

Running a marathon a day is one thing, but he will also have to cover more than 1,000 miles on a Cannondale racer.

"I've had a few tumbles," laughs Franny, who had not used clip-in pedals before being donated his new bike.

"The other day I was making my way out of town on Burgess Road when I fell on to the pavement and smashed my knee.

"I'd never call myself a cyclist. Apart from a few bike rides with the kids when they were growing up the last time I cycled regularly was as a kid on a Grifter!

"But I'm learning. It's about engaging the brain to make sure you unclip before the junction but at times I've ground to a halt for whatever reason, not unclipped, and tumbled over, which has probably been amusing for the motorists!

There have been other challenges to get used to.

"Certain vehicles don't necessarily give you the width they should do at times so being on busy roads is a little bit worrying, but hopefully the route's been planned to be as safe as it can be."

Benali will have the same physio as in 2014 but is hoping a bike mechanic will join the support team this time, having had to phone for a lift from wife Karen after suffering a puncture in Totton, en route back from a recent ride in the New Forest.

"If I have to change something I might as well throw it in the hedge because it won't be any good afterwards!" he laughs. "I saw one guy fix his puncture in five minutes, thinking it would take me forever.

"But it's finding the person who can commit to two weeks out of their lives. It's a concern because there's the likelihood of punctures and parts needing to be replaced. It may be that we need a second bike.

Benali has also enjoyed exploring the Test Valley.

The Forest is pretty flat so I've needed to get hills in my legs, especially on the bike, because there's going to be terrain that takes a bit of climbing," he ex-



Team Benali - Franny Benali pictured at home with his family (from left) daughter Kenzie, father-in-law Bill, wife

"I'm not too familiar with the area north of Romsey, but I've been Stockbridge way with friends who know the roads better than I do.

"I'm confident that come October 2 I'll be ready but even more challenging is going to be running eight hours a day.

To run a marathon and then cycle 70 miles could easily mean 10-12 hour days and there's only a certain amount of daylight to

"I'm also two years older and the training feels harder [than in

Benali's training runs often take him into the New Forest from his home in Portswood.

"I vary the routes to keep me stimulated but the Forest is a

beautiful place to go.
"The other day I did a 26-mile loop past the training ground at Staplewood to Lyndhurst and back so I know I've got a marathon in my legs.

"So far the longest ride on the bike has been 55 miles so I think I'll run another marathon and probably look to cycle up to 80 miles so I know I can do that mile-

"After three weeks' full-on training I'll do a 100-mile bike ride on the Sunday before tapering down.

Benali is hoping for a better end to his training than two years ago, when he feared a knee injury would prevent him from even at-

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#### Karen and son Luke

tempting his 1,000-mile odyssey to every Premier League club.

"Two days before the challenge we discussed cancelling the whole thing," he admits.

"I could barely walk, let alone run."

Karen recalls a feature with Sky Sports two days before the race. "He couldn't run but we didn't want to tell anyone so he did 30 yards, but watching it back you can see him almost dragging one of his legs.

"That was on the Friday and we started on the Sunday so it was really touch and go."

Franny continues: "We gave me a day and a few cortisone injections to see if it improved and thankfully by the tea time it was OK

"By the end of the first day I was on a mattress on the floor of the hotel room, tossing and turning and not really eating much.

"I was in complete turmoil at the enormity of having to get up again in a few hours and do it all again for another 20 days.

"I couldn't get my head round it. But Karen said 'you know you can do it, you just have to take one day at a time and look no further'.

"So that was how I approached every single day. It wasn't a 21-day challenge anymore, it was one day at a time. When my knee flared up and quite literally stopped me in my tracks I would just concentrate on putting one foot in front of the other."

In the two years since Benali's Big Run, the Benalis have lost family friends to cancer, while Franny's father-in-law, Bill Welch, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

They will provide significant sources of motivation when he sets off from AFC Bournemouth on October 2.

So too will the prospect of arriving at St Mary's on October 16 – the day Saints host Burnley in the Premiership.

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A TUE application is assessed by a panel of independent physicians called a therapeutic use exemption committee and then granted or rejected by international federations and national anti-doping organisations.

So there is no proof of any wrongdoing on the part of the athletes? Absolutely not. The ethics behind TUEs is open to debate, with critics claiming they can be used as a way of bending antidoping regulations. However, every athlete whose details have been leaked has the permission of the antidoning authorities to take the substances that have been revealed. Wiggins, for example, has permission to take salbutamol, a substance commonly used in an inhaler, for his asthma, Froome to take the steroid prednisolone, that can be used for chest complaints, and Biles to take Ritalin for her ADHD. There is no suggestion of impropriety.



Usain Bolt.

What is the hackers' motivation? WADA says the attack is revenge for its two independent investigations, the first by Dick Pound and the second by Richard McLaren, that exposed state-sponsored doping in Russia. The findings of the investigations led to some Russian athletes being banned from the Rio Olympics and a blanket ban for Russian athletes from the Paralympics.

What could be next? WADA says it is working with "the highest level law enforcement and IT security agencies" in a bid to secure the ADAMS data. However, Fancy Bears has promised to "keep on telling the world about doping in elite sports" It remains to be seen which other athletes' details it has accessed, but it goes without saying that the biggest names in Olympic sport - the likes of Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps and Mo Farah, will attract most attention.

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## **Book review**

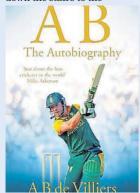
AB The Autobiography By AB de Villiers

Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £12.91, saving £6.08 on rrp

It's reasonable to suggest that AB de Villiers is currently the world's finest all-round batsman. He made his test debut for South Africa aged 20 and was selected for every single test his nation played over the subsequent eleven years, but he is renowned too as a ferocious T20 and ODI player.

What is evident from this fine autobiography is that AB has stayed at the very top because he takes nothing for granted.

The book opens with him waiting to bat in a one-dayer against the West Indies in Johannesburg in 2015, so nervous (despite this being his 117th ODI), that he proclaims to no-one in particular that someone else should bat ahead of him. His request is refused, whereupon South Africa lose a wicket and, stumbling down the stairs to the



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accompanying laughter of his teammates, de Villers heads out to bat.

Once he arrives in the middle, the nerves evaporate. He gets off the mark with an ill-timed stroke and rapidly moves to 28 from eight balls; he passes fifty after 16 balls and reaches 100 in an astonishing 31 balls, a new ODI world record. In just 44 balls, he would score 149 runs.

De Villiers can, and does, concentrate on his job while being a genuinely modest man. Much of this has to do with his upbringing and the honour code he and his schoolmates had to follow.

These pages are full of praise for opponents and examples of de Villiers eager to contribute as a team player, mindful of the enormous privilege he enjoys of representing his country at a game he loves. It's an uplifting story of a modest man so many arrogant sports stars would, no doubt, secretly love to emulate.

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## **Swans among**

## Simon Carter

SAINTS will be aiming to maintain their impressive record against Swansea this weekend.

Since reclaiming their Premier League place ahead of the 2012/13 campaign, Saints have picked up 17 points in eight games against the Welsh club.

That is the joint highest amount of points Saints have won against any club in the past four and a bit seasons.

They also have 17 points from eight games against Newcastle. In contrast, Saints only have

In contrast, Saints only have four points from eight meetings with Tottenham.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at Saints' record against teams they have met at least six times since returning to the top flight.

#### Swansea 17 points from eight games

Saints have a remarkable record in south wales, having not conceded a single goal and winning on their last three visits.

Each time they have triumphed 1-0, the last occasion last February when Shane Long headed a second half winner.

At St Mary's, Saints have won two, drawn one - ex-Saint Nathan Dyer equalising in a 1-1 draw in November 2012 - and lost one.

The defeat came in February 2015 when Jonjo Shelvey lashed a 25-yard winner against a Saints side that had started the game in the top four.

#### Newcastle 17 points from eight games

How Newcastle hated visiting St Mary's.Beaten 2-0 in November 2012, they then lost 4-0 two seasons running.

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And last April, when they were embroiled in a relegation fight they eventually lost, they meekly surrendered 3-1.

In addition, two Eljero Elia goals gave Ronald Koeman's men a 2-1 win in the north east in January 2015.

#### Crystal Palace 15 points from six games

Saints have won five out of their six games against the south Londoners.

They didn't concede a goal in completing a double in 2013/14 - 2-0 at St Mary's (when Dani Osvaldo opened his Saints goal account) and Jay Rodriguez on target at Selhurst Park the following March.

Ronald Koeman masterminded another double in 2014/15, a 3-1 Boxing Day win in the capital - featuring Toby Alderweireld's only Saints goal - and a late Sadio Mane decider at St Mary's in March.

Yohan Cabaye ended Saints' winning run at Selhurst Park last December, but Saints ended the season with a 4-1 caning of Palace - Graziano Pelle and Sadio Mane both scoring on what transpired to be their last Saints outing.

Aston Villa 15 points in eight games Saints were no doubt also sad Villa were relegated last season - their record against them was very good!

Two Rickie Lambert goals saw Saints record their first win back in the Premier League in September 2012, and the same player scored a penalty winner at Villa Park the following January.

No-one who was there will ever forget Sadio Mane's rapid hattrick in a 6-1 romp in May 2015, while Mane also netted in last April's 4-2 win at Villa Park.

#### Sunderland 11 points from eight games

Saints have only scored more than two goals against the Black

Cats once in eight games.
That was the record breaking
8-0 victory in October 2014 with
featured two goals from Graziano
Pelle and three own goals.

The last two games at St Mary's



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## the best rivals



have both ended 1-1, while a Dusan Tadic goal gave Saints their only victory at the Stadium of Light last November.

#### West Brom 11 points from eight games

The Baggies completed the double over Saints in 2012/13, but have only won once in the past six matches.

A late Rickie Lambert spot kick gave Saints a win at The Hawthorns on the opening day of the 2013/14 season, and Adam Lallana saw Saints complete the double at St Mary's.

After three successive games featuring just one goal - Saido Berahino's winner in the west midlands in February 2015 - James Ward-Prowse netted twice in a 3-0 St Mary's win last January.

Liverpool Ten points from eight games Sadio Mane's double strike helped Saints come from 0-2 down to win 3-2 in a St Mary's thriller last March.

Saints had also won 3-1 at St Mary's in March 2013, while Dejan Lovren poached the winner at Anfield the following September.

#### Stoke City Ten points from eight games

After drawing their first four games with the Potters - includ-

ing a 3-3 draw at Stoke in December 2012 after Saints had led 3-1 - a single Sadio Mane strike gave them a 1-0 St Mary's victory in October 2014.

Stoke won at St Mary's last season, but two goals from Graziano Pelle gave Saints the three points in the return at the Britannia.

#### Chelsea Nine points from eight games

Saints were unbeaten against the reigning European champions when they returned to the top flight in 2012/13.

They came from 0-2 down to draw at Stamford Bridge in January, which proved to be Nigel Adkins' last game in charge.

Mauricio Pochettino subsequently oversaw a 2-1 home win, Rickie Lambert netting direct from a free kick and Jay Rodriguez also scoring.

After losing twice to the Blues in 2013/14, Saints twice drew with Chelsea in Ronald Koeman's first season in charge before last October's memorable 3-1 victory over Jose Mourinho's men at Stamford Bridge.

Saints took the lead in the return game through Shane Long, but their six-game run without conceding a goal ended with a 2-1 loss in late February.

#### West Ham Nine points from eight games

Saints failed to win any of their first four games against a Hammers side who accompanied them up in 2011/12.

That run ended when Morgan Schneiderlin scored a brace in a 3-1 Upton Park win in August 2014 - Ronald Koeman's first league win.

Maya Yoshida ended a run of three St Mary's draws with the only goal last February.

#### Arsenal Nine points from nine games

Saints have won the last two games at St Mary's, including last December's remarkable 4-0 hammering of the eventual runners-

Arsenal haven't won at St Mary's in the last four seasons, but then Saints have only managed a solitary point at The Emirates from five visits.

It would have been two but for the Gunners' controversial late winner last weekend.

#### Everton Eight points from eight games

Two own goals gave Saints a 2-0 home win in April 2014, and another own goal set them on the way to a 3-0 victory at St Mary's the following December.

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## Tennis lessons

Stan Wawrinka and Angelique Kerber were crowned singles champions at the US Open. Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at five things we learned at Flushing Meadows. 19

#### 1. Serena's 23rd not assured

When Williams arrived at last year's US Open looking for her 22nd grand slam title, it seemed inevitable she would equal and then surpass Steffi Graf's Openera record 23. Now, after adding only one from her last five major tournaments, her spot in the history books appears far less assured. Williams was beaten here by Karolina Pliskova, not the sort of nimble, scrambler that has upset her in the past, but an aggressive 24-yearold, who beat her at her own game, with power and a blistering serve. It would still be a huge surprise if the American ended her career without overtaking Graf but with every tournament that passes, that last step becomes harder to take.



Stan Wawrinka.

### 2. Brits look bright for 2017

Andy Murray will remember this tournament as a minor blemish on a vintage year but despite the Scot's disappointing exit in the quarter-finals, it remained an excellent fortnight for British players. An exhausted Johanna Konta matched last year's run to the fourth round while Kyle Edmund ran into Novak Diokovic at the same stage. after going further than he had ever gone previously at a grand slam. Dan Evans knocked out Alexander Zverev in round two before coming within a point of beating champion Wawrinka and Naomi Broady stretched fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska after defeating compatriot Laura Robson. Robson herself had also shown encouraging signs of a post-injury revival during three victories in qualifying.

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Saints' only other points against the Toffees, though, came in a 0-0 home draw in January 2013 - Mauricio Pochettino's first game in charge - and last April's 1-1 draw at Goodison Park.

Manchester United Eight points from nine games

Saints' two wins against United have both come at Old Trafford.

They have only picked up one point in four home games, Rickie Lambert netting in a 1-1 draw in May 2014 on his last Saints appearance.

Manchester City Seven points from eight games

Last May's 4-2 home win
- Sadio Mane hitting a hattrick - ended a run of four successive losses to City.

successive losses to City.
Jason Puncheon, Steven
Davis and a Gareth Barry
own goal gave Mauricio
Pochettino his first win as
Saints boss in February 2013.
Saints' only other point

Saints' only other point was courtesy of Dani



Steven Davis.

Osvaldo's curling strike in a 1-1 St Mary's draw in November 2014.

The Etihad has seen four straight Saints losses - the only top flight ground where Saints have yet to pick up a point since returning to the Premier League (among grounds they have visited more than once).

Tottenham Four points from eight games

And it was a solitary point from seven games prior to Steven Davis' double giving Saints victory at White Hart Lane last May

Lane last May.

Gareth Bale had been on target in both of Tottenham's wins in 2012/13, while Saints lost both games the following seasons 3-2 - including at White Hart Lane after they had led 2-0.

A Graziano Pelle double ended a five-game losing streak in a 2-2 draw in April 2015 when Mauricio Pochettino made his first St Mary's return.

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## Early Euro signs

IT might seem a little early to say it, but Saints already look in pole position to make it through their first ever Europa League group stage campaign.

A combination of a strong showing and increased form coupled with a group draw that is working out very kindly has provided a double boost for Claude Puel.

When the draw was initially made, things seemed like they would be trickier than has proven to be the reality in these early stages.

Inter Milan are giants of European football and, though Serie A's standards have undoubtedly slipped, they are still awash with cash and attract some enviable talent to the San Siro.

Sparta Prague are a club used to European competition and who reached the Europa League quarter-finals, while Hapoel Be'er Sheva, though relative minnows, pushed Glasgow Celtic hard in the Champions League qualifiers.

We learned a lot from the first round of matches, and it disproved a couple of these theories.

While Be'er Sheva lived up to their live outsiders tag by securing a shock win at the San Siro, we found out much about Inter and Sparta.

Namely, the two who seemed the biggest threats to Saints are not taking the competition all that seriously.

Not only have Inter left £100m worth of talent out of their squad to comply with Financial Fair Play, but they then dropped many of the stars names that were available to them out of the team to face Be'er Sheva.

They may have thought they would still have enough to win that game at home, but they were mistaken. It hardly smacks of them taking this particularly seriously.

While we would have expected Sparta to have had a right go at the Europa League, it turned out they weren't that interested either

They left many of their top players either at home or out of the starting line-up to face Saints.

starting line-up to face Saints. It turns out their priority is trying to win the Czech title and guarantee a return to the Champions League.

It really has left Saints in a strong position.

After dealing with Sparta with relative ease in their first game, they are without doubt the early favourites to get through this group now, and given that the top two qualify for the knockout stages they have a margin for error as well.

The atmosphere around the Sparta game was a bit strange.

It didn't have quite the party atmosphere that the Vitesse Arnhem game did the previous year.

Perhaps it was that that had marked a return to European football after more than a decade, or it was a two-legged tie whereas this was the start of a long group campaign.

Either way, it felt a little more like another midweek game than a huge occasion to begin with.

However, the fact Saints were so clearly superior and quickly dominated the match obviously livened things up in the stadium.

The interior of the ground also contributed to the slightly flatter atmosphere.

With UEFA rules, so much of the character seems to have to disappear – as well as areas of seating – to allow for the clear branding of the competition and numerous other regulations. Indeed, it seemed there as many UEFA officials scurrying around doing goodness knows what as these works supported at times.

there were supporters at times.

The most vital thing for Saints was always what happened on the pitch.

Claude Puel so badly needed a win to get things up and running. You couldn't really have asked for much more than playing the



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## good for Saints



second string of a club whose first team you should beat eight times out of ten anyway.

Sparta were pretty dreadful.

They were ropey at the back and rarely looked like they would seriously trouble the Saints defence.

However, to put the victory purely down to that would be un-

Saints still had to win the game

and were superior in every area of the pitch.

What was interesting was that Puel was as good as his word and made seven changes to his side to utilise his whole squad. That included changing three of the first choice back four.

Indeed, it was the likes of Cuco Martina who thrived most, along of course with two goal hero

Charlie Austin, who fans will want to see playing regularly after his performance.

 $\bar{\text{Saints}}$  were prepared to go a bit more direct as well as build from the back with Austin up top, and they looked so much better for it.

Making those changes and coming away with a convincing 3-0 win has left Puel with the opportunity to changes things back for

the game against Swansea in the Premier League this weekend.

Perhaps that kind of rotation might prove harder as time goes on, matches get more important and injuries and suspensions

But, for now at least, this was a huge confidence booster and a result that leaves Saints primed for European progress.

## Blighted from page 19

3. Djokovic gets injured too Djokovic's athleticism and supreme fitness have been two of his most impressive qualities in recent years but the world number one's campaign was blighted by various physical issues. He arrived with a niggling wrist injury but also proceeded to take treatment on his elbow, shoulders and toes. Djokovic turns 30 next year and while the triumph of Wawrinka, 31, proves age in itself is no obstacle, injuries may start to become a more prominent feature of Djokovic's career.

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4. Young guns have much to learn

The women's game this year has revealed a new generation of talent that is ready to challenge for major titles but men's tennis continues to wait for its emerging crop. Borna Coric lost in the first round and then split from his coach Miles Maclagan, Zverev put in a bolshie performance before falling to Evans, while Australians Bernard Tomic and Nick Kyrgios again



Novak Djokovic.

courted more headlines for their actions and attitude than actual tennis shots. France's Lucas Pouille was the big breakthrough after his superb win over Rafael Nadal, but the 22-year-old was the only player under the age of 26 to make the quarter-finals. The old elite are far from done yet.

5. Roof stops rain but cranks up volume

The new \$150million roof was handed its debut at this year's US Open, and in terms of keeping the court dry it was a resounding success. There were, however, teething problems. The echoing noise from the chattering New York crowd was a distraction for players, so much so that umpires became like school teachers trying to quieten down a classroom. There was also the problem with the sound system blurting out random sounds, which upset Murray so much he lost seven games in a row afterwards.

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Southampton Saints 2016/17. Pic by Chris Hansen.

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Ladies continued their fine form in the FA Women's Premier League (SW Division 1) with a 3-2 home win over Keynsham Town at Sholing FC.

Despite Saints playing well in the first period, it was the visitors that snatched the advantage when Andrea Alexandru slotted

home just before the interval.

Buoyed by good home support and a few stern words from manager Adam Lee, Saints quickly levelled in the second period.

One goal often brings two but in this case it brought three.

An own goal by Town and goals from

Leanne Lapham and Midge Browning put a cushion between the Reds and their challengers.

Christina Vega Leandro ensured a nervy finish for the vocal Southampton support after beating Saints' player of the match Hannah Haughton

## Case for defence

CARL Pettefer reckons Poole Town deserve more credit for their stingy home streak despite finally having their imperious defensive record breached.

The Dolphins had not conceded a league goal at Tatnam since March, a run that stretched back some seven matches prior to last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Eastbourne Borough, writes Andy Mitchell.

Poole took the lead after 32 minutes when a long throw was flicked on by Cherries loanee Sam Surridge for ex-AFC Totton forward Luke Roberts to net from an acute angle.

But the joy was short-lived as the hosts uncharacteristically failed to clear and Elliott Romain nodded Borough level five minutes before half-time.

Eastbourne looked the likelier team to score after the break with Romain going close from a Gavin McCallum cross, while Nathaniel Pinney's lob forced Dolphins 'keeper Nick Hutchings to tip over the crossbar.

It marked a useful point for Poole, who remain among the early frontrunners in ational League South, and Pettefer – another of the Dolphins' former AFC Totton contingent – argued their start was a testament to the solid shape drilled into them by boss Tom Killick and right-hand man Callum Brooks.

"It has a lot to do with the team spirit and knowing we are not always a free-scoring side," he said.

"We have our good days going forward but, usually, we tend to win 1-0 or 2-0 which emphasises the importance of clean sheets for us.

"The defenders have played



an important part but it runs through the whole team, people dropping back, matching their opponents physically and blocking any convice into their front men

any service into their front men. "People will always criticise something or other but our record speaks for itself.

"It has worked pretty well for

us for a number of years now, Tommy has belief in the way we play and, as players, we all share in that. The run is a testament to the manager and his staff."

Last Saturday's clash saw 35-year-old Pettefer return from a grade one hamstring injury but was he withdrawn eight minutes into the second half.

"It was not 100 per cent. I could feel it in the first minute when I sprinted but managed to get through the half," he added. "Anything above 80 per cent pace and that sensation was there."

Pettefer sat out Tuesday's trip to Truro City which ended 0-0.

## It's grid-lock at the top!

FORMULA One world champion Lewis Hamilton will arrive at the Singapore Grand Prix with a slender two-point advantage over his Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg.

Here, the *Sports Pink* dissects some talking points heading into the 15th round of the championship:

### WHAT NEXT?

While Hamilton's sluggish start in Monza gift-wrapped victory for Rosberg, the Italian Grand Prix was overshadowed by the uncertainty surrounding the future ownership of the sport, and Bernie Ecclestone, the man who has headed it for the best part of 40 years. American company Liberty Media successfully completed their £6.4 billion



**Lewis Hamilton** 

takeover from CVC Capital Partners last week, with Chase Carey installed as Formula One's new chairman. Ecclestone, who turns 86 next month, remains in his role as chief executive, but for how much longer?

#### ZIKA CONCERNS

Formula One personnel will arrive in Singapore armed with mosquito spray and long-sleeved apparel to stave off the threat of Zika. Indeed five of the seven races left this season have reported cases of the mosquito-borne virus, which is known to cause birth defects.

#### WET WET WET

The Singapore GP, an ever-present on the calendar since 2008, is not one synonymous with rain. But the wet stuff could wreak havoc this week with heavy showers forecast all weekend. 24 DAILY ECHO Saturday, September 17, 2016

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Sun 2 Leicester (2.15pm)

Sun 23 Man City (1.30pm)

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Sat 27 Everton (4.30pm)

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Sun 11 Middlesbrough

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Wed 5 Crystal Palace

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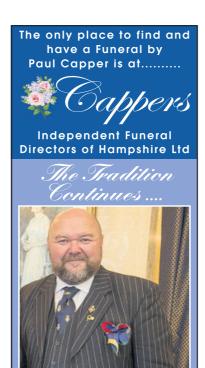


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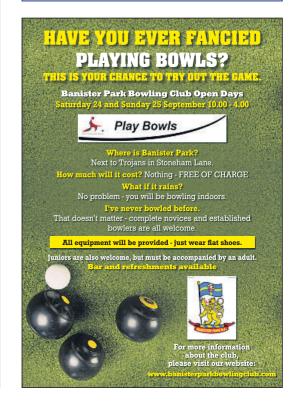
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## Tommo's retirement statement

I remember years ago watching a nature documentary that followed a pack of wild dogs on a hunt. At the front of the pack there were the young and keen dogs who couldn't wait to get stuck in, then in the middle were the experienced, healthy dogs who knew what they were doing and held the pack together.

But I will never forget the image of one old dog at the back of the pack trying to keep up.

He had half a leg missing and an ear hanging off from what must have been years of previous battles.

When he finally arrived at the scene all that was left were scraps...

Although I was once both the young dog at the front and the healthy dog in the middle I feel now is the right time to head back to the den.

I now have the opportunity to do just that and look after all the young dogs coming



James Tomlinson

through. A job I already love and cherish.

It's been a privilege to play first class cricket for Hampshire and I would like to thank

My brothers, Hugh and Ralph, and Wasim Akram.

All the coaches and captains that have picked me.

The physios and fitness coaches who have kept me going.

The Hampshire members and the rest of my family for their constant support.

My bowling partners who showed me what was required for first class cricket.

The slip cordon and the Dukes ball.

However I would most like to thank the opposition batters who somehow for over a decade missed the straight ones and nicked the half volleys...to you all I will be forever grateful!

# PINK HAMPSHIRE CRICKET Tommo: Lord's is

## By Simon Walter **Cricket reporter**



HE TOOK 380 first-class wickets for Hampshire, but James Tomlinson jokes that he will only be remembered for his beard and his retirement statement.

It is typical of one of Hampshire Cricket's great characters to be so self-deprecating, but it is certainly true to say his witty valediction will be remembered for a long time to come.

"Retirement statements can be a bit boring and I'd known I was going to leave on my terms for a while so thought I'd write something alternative," explains Tomlinson, whose beard will always be synonymous with Hampshire's promotion season of 2014.

"I'm not on social media but everyone got excited when Graeme Swann retweeted it and said it was the greatest retirement statement. I hoped people would enjoy it and am pleased they did. I've taken my cricket very seriously but I've never taken the job too seriously in terms of its perspective because it's county cricket, for the community and the members.

"Cricket's going in all kinds of directions which is very exciting but ultimately I was just a Red Ball County Cricketer."

It was fitting that Tomlinson announced his retirement in the week a new city-based T20 league took a big step towards reality. A keen birdwatcher, he knows all about vanishing species. "I'm a purist and part of the old era, the specialist bowler rarely exists now."

Tomlinson's four-day focus is one reason why not playing at Lord's is the only regret he has from a career that began in 2002 (he was a spectator while his teammates played in four finals at the home of cricket).

Being left out of Hampshire's first County Championship match at Lord's for a decade was the day his career entered its twilight.

"If I ever write an autobiography, the title would be 'I've never played at Lord's!'," laughs the 34 year-old left-armer, who was replaced by debutant Brad Wheal for last season's away match against Middlesex, a fixture that had always been on his bucket list.

"T've hardly played Middlesex because when we've gone up they've generally gone down and

vice versa," he explains.
"I was 12th man there under Shane Warne in 2006 but last year was a hammer blow. I'd put some serious hard yards in to get fit and bowled shedloads of overs in the first six games because we



Jimmy Adams clasps his catch in triumph, left, as he dismisses Simon Cook off the bowling of James Tomlinson. Picture: Adrian

didn't have any bowlers.

"It was one of those horrible moments in life when you don't see it coming. You sit there at 10am getting your boots on and then you're told you're not play-

"I did take it badly. Even though we were bottom, I felt I deserved a crack at it. But it's also quite a hilarious story. "There aren't many county players who have played 129 firstclass games and not one of them at Lord's!"

Tomlinson's hunger diminished when he knew his dream of playing at the home of cricket would never be realised.

"I felt something was missing after that Lord's moment. My focus shifted slightly to coaching.

"Even though I still love bowling something changed. One simple example is that when I was hit for four it wasn't hurting as much.

"As soon as you lose that desperation you're going to seriously struggle and that was where I was

After his Lord's disappointment, it was ironic that Tomlin-

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## my only regret...



Kerry

son's last match for Hampshire turned out to be Middlesex away. It was not the high he hoped to end his career on.

Hampshire's season reached its on-pitch nadir at Merchant Taylor's School in May. They left with minus one point after a slow over rate compounded their innings and 116-run defeat.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the start

of this year because I had the opportunity I didn't think I would have," continues Tommo, who took 14 wickets at 34.5 in April/May.

"But after those first six games it was deja vu. We were bottom again and being minus one at Merchant Taylor's was a very dark day for the team.

"I just felt that was the right

time to say that younger players maybe should play or that there should be a rethink about the

"I'm just a seamer, I'm not an all-rounder. I was, I think, a very good county seamer during a period when I was in my fittest stage, but there were other options; Gareth Andrew is a good seamer, but he can bat. Brad Wheal is very

exciting, he's proved that to be the case on very, very flat wickets in the second half of the season. He's actually bowled some very good spells and is very exciting.

"The key point was that Bergy (Gareth Berg) was back from his bad knee – a very similar bowler but more accurate than me, who can bat nine and score runs.

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## **Coaching** beckons

JAMES Tomlinson is looking forward to developing a new generation of Hampshire fast bowlers - after the birth of his second child.

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The Hampshire legend's wife Lucy is due to give birth to a sister for their three-year-old son Ernest.

But Tomlinson has other youngsters to look after as he tries to develop the county's first homegrown opening bowler since he and Chris Tremlett came through the ranks.

"I've done the winter coaching stuff for five years through all the age groups and have been very lucky to have an opportunity to work with [head of player development] Charlie Freeston, a brilliant bowling coach," he says.

"He's my bowling guru and Matt Drakeley at the Emerging Players Programme has given me lots of opportunities to run a bowling group throughout the winter"

Tomlinson is coaching 35 fast bowlers between the ages



James Tomlinson

of 11 and 20.

"To get some academy seamers coming through from the southern part of England is the aim. We're looking everywhere but it takes time. I want to get the best athletes in the south and teach them how to bowl

"During the Olympics Steve Redgrave said he wants to teach tall, big people how to row. Bowling is very different but it's the same process.

"If you get strong people and teach them how to bowl there's a possibility there. But a huge number of things things have got to come together to produce a fast bowler.

"You have to have the right character and the right support when you break down - because every bowler breaks down. They also need a really good release and to be able to hit a 50p.

"What we mustn't do is mollycoddle them because fast bowling is incredibly tough."

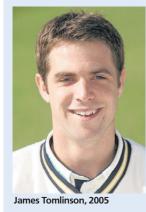
## **Career** factfile

Name: James Andrew Tomlinson Born: Winchester, 12/6/82 Education: Cricklade College, Andover, Cardiff University Batting style: LHB Bowling style: LMF Height: 6ft 2in

FIRST CLASS Debut: 2002 Matches: 129 Wickets: 382 Bowling average: 31.92 Five-wicket hauls: 12 Best bowling: 8-46 v Somerset, Taunton, 2008 Runs scored: 945 Batting average: 10.61 Highest score: 51 v Gloucestershire, 2014 Catches: 27

#### ONE DAY

Debut: 2000 Matches: 36 Wickets 39 Bowling average: 29.48 Best bowling: 4-47 v Glamorgan, C & G Trophy, Ageas Bowl, 2006 Runs scored: 53 Batting average: 5.3 Highest score: 14



Catches: 3

Debut: 2006 Matches: 2 Wickets: 1 Bowling Average: 48 Best bowling: 4-0-20-1 Runs scored: 5 Batting average: 5 Highest score: 5 Catches: 0

Best first-class seasons: wickets (average)

2008: 67 (24.76) 2013: 53 (24.16) 2014: 47 (25.85) 2010: 46 (35.3) 2012: 43 (26.3)

Best bowling figures (firstclass)

8-46 v Somerset, Taunton, May 2008 7-85 v Somerset, Taunton, Aug 2010 6-63 v Derbyshire, Derby, Sept 6-48 v Glamorgan, Cardiff, Sept 2014 5-53 v Yorkshire, Ageas Bowl,

August 2008

## HAMPSHIRE CRICKET 'I'm fairly run

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"Ryan McLaren and I are simi-lar bowlers but he bats six so I just felt we needed to go in a different direction and I made that clear to Chalks (director of cricket Giles White) and Benky (former coach Dale Benkenstein).

"I said I was very much available but I felt that we're bottom and nothing's really changed from last year and that it was time we went a slightly different route.

"I also know Carts (Andy Carter) well and he gave us something different at Trent Bridge. Other than being left arm I'm fairly run of the mill. It's just being honest

with yourself.
"I could potentially have carried on but I just don't think it's right. It's time to give others an opportunity and the people that have come in will have more impact ability wise on the team than I will. So I'm quite happy to call it a day.

Hampshire's season may yet end well. Victory against Durham next week should be enough to keep them in the first division.

But it is a season that will always be scarred by the tragic death of trialist Hamza Ali and Michael Carberry's cancer diag-

"It's been a surreal season, on a scale I've not seen before." admits Tomlinson. "It was a very sad start. Young bowlers are hard to find and Hamza could have done really well for a long time. Most importantly, he was a lovely guy.

'Carbs' news was a massive shock to the team, a lot of the younger players were affected by

"It does put things in perspective. Carbs has stayed remarkably positive and was very kind when I announced my retirement. We've all got our fingers crossed, he's a remarkably strong individual."

Considering all the injuries they have also suffered, staying up would be a Great Escape to rival those of 2015 and 2010.

Tomlinson rates the wicket that clinched first division survival at Canterbury in 2010 as his career highlight, above his career-best 8-46 against Somerset at Taunton in 2008 or the 6-48 he took against Glamorgan at Cardiff in 2014 to clinch Hampshire the second division title.

"That one at Kent when [Simon] Cook chipped the ball to Jimmy [Adams] at short leg with three minutes to go... I've never felt more pumped and emotional after a moment than that."

Tomlinson's 46th wicket of that season gave Hampshire the win they needed to stay up in the penultimate match, while Kent were relegated.

"It was an amazing moment because again we were underdogs



A spectacular dismissal against Nottinghamshire

and had had a lot of injuries. I felt I was at the absolute peak of my powers. I'd bowled a million overs, the team had battled the whole season to stay up and we did it with a few minutes to go.

"Cardiff was just a sense of relief. I was a nervous wreck for about a month because I desperately wanted us to go up. I didn't actually bowl very well so when I got the first six wickets and we knew we were going to win I just felt relief. But any Championship win is a real highlight, because there aren't many. It takes hard work.

Tomlinson's Cardiff heroics came in the last match of a sixyear spell he brackets as the peak of his career. He took 301 Championship wickets at 28.8 from 2008-

"For six seasons I was our lead bowler and that's something to be very proud of - and 2008, '10 and '14 were wonderful seasons.'

Tomlinson was the leading wicket taker in the country in 2008, when he took 67 at 24 apiece as Hampshire finished fourth in the Championship's first divi-

Like most seamers, he was in pain during most of the 3,643 overs he bowled.

"I've always had trouble with my right ankle, going back over a decade, but like the Brownlee brothers once said. I wanted to be the best injured athlete I could

possibly be.

"There are some exceptions who are naturally physically fit, flexible and able to do wonderful stuff with a minimal amount of pain.

"But it's all about having bowling resilience. A lot of ex-bowlers and coaches have been surprised that I've lasted this long so I am proud of that.

"Without getting the violin out, the only times I was 100 per cent fit were when I had four weeks off between games and it was the first spell of a new game. After that I'd be knackered but had to find a way to bowl another 50 overs.

That is the main attribute Tomlinson tries to instil in the next generation, as well as other nuggets from the myriad influences on his career.

"Paul Terry leaned me towards red-ball cricket and I'm grateful he did because I don't think I'd have survived all forms because of my injuries.

"Dimi [Mascarenhas] was an amazing bowling mentor, he taught me how to bowl and really made me understand what was required in first-class cricket. about accepting what you can and can't do.

"From a coaching point of view [former Hampshire bowling coach] Bruce Reid had the biggest impact on me. He taught me how to hold and swing the ball. Watching Shane Bond and Stuart Clark very close up was a real highlight and so was the hour's coaching I had with Wasim Akram [in 2003].

"I was obsessed with him growing up. I followed him for all three days when Pakistan played at Northlands Road in 1992.

"I would go to the changing rooms and just stare at him... he was absolutely my hero. But I just couldn't do what he did. The way he moved his wrists to swing the ball... he had amazing flexibility."

Playing under Shane Warne was also the realisation of a dream.

"I only played ten games under Warney but enjoyed every one.

"You imagine you're young, you run in to bowl and Shane Warne's at first slip... what more do you need in life?

"Every now and then he would bring me into the side from the seconds. I remember catching a caught and bowled against Surrey to win the game. He ran over and bundled me. I found myself hugging Shane Warne, one of those surreal moments.

"I wish I played more with him but that was during a period when I was learning the game.

"Warney, Dimi, Skeg (Nic Pothas) and Corky (Dominic Cork) were the main influences out in the middle. You could say what you wanted and they never held it against you. I could phone Warney up and ask what I could do to get better and why I wasn't play-

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## of the mill'



#### **Tomlinson bowling against Kent**

ing and he would give a brutally honest answer.

"He just said 'your bouncer's not good enough' or 'you're not accurate enough' or 'you need to do this...' or 'so and so's playing because I think he'll get a certain player out and I don't think you

"Corky was also a joy to play with. He was hilarious. He took all the pressure off you because it was all about him. He would wind up the opposition, the fans and the umpires and make it fun.

"I loved that because I could bowl from the other end and enjoy watching this whole thing kick

Tomlinson is also grateful for the support of director of cricket Giles White - "he's kept the team going over the last eight years and has been a great support" – but will not miss batting at No 11 or fielding.

"When you're a No 11 you sit there just dreading it and I never really wanted the ball in the field. But I used to love being a nightwatchman - if you survived you were a bit of hero and you could relax the next day - and I will definitely miss bowling."

## **HAMPSHIRE FIXTURES 2016**

4-6 Cardiff MCCU (h) Hampshire 369-8 dec (J Weatherley 83, T Alsop 82, L McManus 68) & 126-3, Cardiff UCCE 258-9 (M Crane 3-70) & 79-1. Drawn.

10-13 Warwickshire (h) SCC Hampshire 202 (R McLaren 85) & 185-5 (L Dawson 50no), War-wickshire 369 (J Tomlinson 3079, F Edwards 3-102). Drawn

17-20 Yorkshire (a) SCC Yorkshire 593-9 dec & 183-8 (J Tomlinson 3-31), Hampshire 453 (S Ervine 123, J Vince 119, A Wheater 62, R McLaren 55no).

1-4 Middlesex (h) SCC Hants 336 (M Carberry 107, L Dawson 89) & 290-5 dec (J Adams 70, A Wheather 57no, R McLaren 46no), Middlesex 361 (J Tomlinson 4-74, R McLaren 4-74) & 55-2. Drawn. 8-11 Lancashire (a) SCC

Hants 109 & 253 (Kerrigan i-59)), Lancs 456 (Procter 137, Best 5-50). Lost by an innings and 94 runs.
22-25 Nottinghamshire (h) SCC

Hampshire 270 (T Alsop 72) & 223-9 dec (W Smith 61no), Notts 189 & 235 (T Best 4-47). Hamp-

shire won by 67 runs. 27 Middlesex (Uxbridge) T20 Middlesex 195-6, Hampshire 126 (L Dawson 46). Hampshire lost by 69 runs.

29 Middlesex (a, TBC) SCC Middlesex 467-3 dec, Hamp-shire 131 & 220 (J Adams 78). Hampshire lost by an innings and 116 runs.

2 Kent (h) T20 Hampshire 158-8 (M Carberry 54), Kent 149 (S Afridi 3-33).

Hampshire won by nine runs.
3 Glamorgan (a) T20
Hampshire 141 (A Wheater 39),
Glamorgan 143-5. Hampshire lost by five wickets

5 Essex (h) RLODC Hampshire 310-4 (A Wheater 90. T Alson 83. L Dawson 70no). Essex 314-7. Hampshire lost by three wickets.

7 Middlesex (Radlett CC) RLODC Middlesex 295-8 (M Crane

4-80), Hampshire 204-5 (L Dawson 68no, S Ervine 45, A Wheater 41). Hampshire won by 5 wickets

8 Kent (a) T20 (f) - Kent 193-3,

8 Kent (a) 120 (f) - Kent 193-3, Hampshire 185-9 (S Ervine 56). Hampshire lost by eight runs. 9 Surrey (a) 1720 - Surrey 188-5, Hampshire 108 (L McManus 41 G Andrew 31). Hampshire lost by 80 runs.

14 Gloucestershire (a) RLODC (f) - Gloucs 352-3, Hampshire 342-8 (G Andrew 70no, L Dawson 57, S Ervine 53, T Alop 50), Hampshire lost by 10 runs

15 Surrey (h) RLODC (f) -Hampshire 289-8 (T Alsop 16, S Ervine 50), Surrey 283-9 (G Berg 4-64). Hampshire won by six runs. 17 Sussex (h) T20 (f) - aban-

doned, rain.

19 Somerset (a) T20 - Hampshire 133 (L Dawson 46), Somerset 136-4. Hampshire lost by 6 wickets.

24 Essex (a) T20 (f) - Hampshire 134-8 (M Carbery 34), Essex 136-5. Hampshire lost by 5 wickets. 25 Gloucestershire (h) T20 - abandoned, rain.

26-29 Somerset (h) SCC -Hampshire 219 (J Adams 61) & 173-4 (T Alsop 53), Somerset 474-8 dec (R McLaren 5-104). Drawn

#### JULY

3-6 Durham (a) SCC Hampshire 472-9 (S Ervine 93, J Adams 86, W Smith 67, G Berg 56) & 174-4 (M Carberry 59, J Adams 49), Durham 421 (R McLaren 3-78, G Andrew 3-104). Drawn.

8 Essex (h) T20 (f) Essex 153-6, Hampshire 150-7 (J Vince 62).

Hants lost by 3 runs.
10-13 Warwickshire (a) SCC
Hampshire 531 (A Wheather
204no, L Dawson 116, S Ervine
75, T Alsop 50), Warwickshire
398-6. Drawn

398-6. Drawn
14 Glamorgan (h) T20 (f) Hampshire 167-6 (L Dawson 76no),
Glamorgan 142-7 (L Dawson
4-23). Hants won by 25 runs.
15 Sussex (a) T20 (f) Hampshire
134-9, Sussex 133-8 (G Griffiths
3-33). Hants won by 1 run
17-20 Surrey (h) SCC Surrey
637-7 dec, Hampshire 423 (L
McManus 132no, A Wheater 59,
S Ervine 53) & 201 (R McLaren
59). Hants lost by an innings and 59). Hants lost by an innings and

22 Middlesex (h) T20 (f) Middlesex 181-8 (B Wheal 3-46), Hampshire 138 (S Ervine 36).

Hants lost by 43 runs. 26 Kent (h) RLODC (f) Hamp-shire 229 (A Wheater 63, R McLaren 43), Kent 231-5 (B Wheal 4-38). Hants lost by five wickets

27 Sussex (a) RLODC (f) Hampshire 268 (J Adams 92, R McLaren 46no), Sussex 259-6 (R McLaren 3-42). Hants won by nine runs

29 Somerset (h) T20 (f) Hampshire 181-3 (T Alsop 85), Somerset 98 (L Dawson 5-17). Hants won by 98 runs.

won by 98 runs. 31 Glamorgan (a) RLODC Hampshire 316-5 (L Dawson 100no, W Smith 84), Glamorgan 130 (G Berg 4-25, R McLaren 4-42). Hants won by 186 runs.

#### AUGUST

2 Somerset (h) RLODC Somersey 250, Hampshire 245 (W Smith 59, J Adams 50). Hants lost by

five runs.
4-7 Lancashire (h) SCC Hampshire 548-6dec (W Smith 210, J Adams 88, R McLaren 81no, T Alsop 50), Lancashire 387 & 102-Drawn.

3. Drawn.

13-16 Nottinghamshire (a) SCC
Hampshire 319 (A Wheater 102,
L Dawson 54, L McManus 56) &
393-7 dec (J Adams 99, T Alsop
93, R McLaren 71no, L Dawson
69), Notts 234 (A Carter 4-52) &
291 (B Wheal 6-51). Hants won by 176 runs.

23-26 Somerset (a) SCC Hampshire 338 (S Ervine 103, R McLaren 61) & 254-5 (S Ervine 106, J Adams 96), Somerset 587-

8 dec. Drawn 31-3 Yorkshire (h) SCC York-shire 281 (G Berg 6-56) & 238-5 dec, Hampshire 222 (S Ervine 80, J Vince 60) & 84-4. Drawn.

#### SEPTEMBER

6-9 Surrey (a) SCC Surrey 329 (B Wheal 4-100) and 268-3, Hampshire 582 (S Ervine 158no, T Alsop 117, R McLaren 100).

#### 20-23 Durham (h) SCC

SCC: Specsavers County Championship T20: Natwest T20 Blast RLODC: Royal London One-Day

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## Master blaster Max's top knocks

## By Simon **Carter**



FORMER Hampshire all-rounder Glenn Maxwell recently hammered the second-highest T20 international hundred of all time.

His sensational undefeated 145 for Australia against Sri Lanka saw him underline his reputation as one of the fiercest strikers of a hall

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at some of the former South Wilts CC batsman's best innings.

February 2011: Aged just 20, Maxwell gave an early demonstration of his ferocious hitting playing for Victoria in a one-day game against Tasmania.

Asked to chase Tasmania's 256-6 total off 50 overs, Maxwell – coming in down the order at number 8 – blasted 61 off 27 balls to win his first man of the match award

It would certainly not be his

June 2012: Playing only his third T20 match for Hampshire, Maxwell showed an English audience what he can do.

Coming in at No 6 with Hampshire 59-4 chasing 136 for victory against Kent at Canterbury, he struck an unbeaten 66 off just 32 balls.

He smote six sixes and five fours, reaching his half-century from only 22 balls – the quickest Hampshire 50 in T20 history.

June 2012: It was a case of deja vu a few days later, as Maxwell repeated his Canterbury heroics as Hampshire won another T20 game at Chelmsford.

After Essex had posted 176-4, Hampshire slumped to 94-4 off 11.1 overs.

Enter Maxwell, who proceeded to hit an unbeaten 60 off just 24 balls

This time he reached his half century in 21 deliveries - meaning he had the two fastest Hampshire T20 fifties of all time in the space of five days.

August 2013: Another remarkable performance playing for Australia A against India A in a tri-series in South Africa.

Australia were 122-5 when he came in at No 7, and quickly slumped to 152-8.

Maxwell and Josh Hazlewood then compiled an unbroken stand



The Big Show - Glenn Maxwell.

of 146 for the ninth wicket as Australia reached 298-8.

Maxwell struck an unbeaten 145 off 79 balls with 18 fours and six sixes, and his side eventually won by eight runs.

April 2014: Playing for Kings XI Punjab in the Indian Premier League, Maxwell caned 95 off 43 balls as his side successfully chased Chennai's 205 total.

Two days later, he hammered 89 off 45 balls – with eight fours and six sixes – as Kings XI raced to victory against Rajasthan chasing 192.

And two days after that, he again hit 95 - off 43 balls – against

Sunrisers. Underlining his growing reputation as one of the most exciting hitters in world cricket, this time he belted nine sixes.

July 2014: In his second spell with Hampshire, Maxwell blasted his highest one-day score in a Royal London Cup tie at OldTrafford.

He smashed 146 off 96 balls with 22 fours and two sixes, reaching his half century off 45 balls and his century off 75 deliveries.

February 2015: Maxwell won the man of the match award in the one-day tri-series final against England.

He top-scored with 95 off 98 balls – hitting 15 boundaries – and then bagged 4-46 as Australian cantered to a 112-run success in Perth.

March 2015: Maxwell blitzed 102 off 53 balls to help Australia beat Sri Lanka by 64 runs in a World Cup tie in Perth, helped by 10 fours and four sixes.

July 2015: Playing for Yorkshire at Worcester in the Royal London Cup, he bludgeoned 111 off 76 balls – with eight fours and four sixes – as the White Rose county won.

## Hampshire triple tons

HAMPSHIRE'S recent Championship match at Surrey featured a rare event.

There were three centurions in Hampshire's first innings - Tom Alsop, Sean Ervine and Ryan McLaren.

In the county's history, this has now only happened ten times.

Here, the Sports Pink charts all those triple centurion innings - and most are a long time ago.

Hampshire v South

Southampton, May 1901 South African born Charlie Llewellyn struck 216 as Hampshire rattled up 538 ON THE FIRST DAY of their three-day game against the tourists.

Arthur Hill struck 120 while middle order batsman John Greig - who



Tom Alsop.

was born in India - hit 119. Hampshire eventually won by an innings and 51

Hampshire v Somerset Taunton, August 1901 Charlie Llewellyn (153) and John Greig (113) again scored hundreds as Hampshire had three centurions for the second time in four months.

Llewellyn had earlier taken 5-115 in Somerset's first innings.

Edward Sprot added 147 as Hampshire posted 642-9 declared en route to an innings victory in the west country.

Hampshire v Essex Leyton, July 1913 After Essex had posted 507 - including centuries for Frank Gillingham, Colin McIver and Charles Russell - the visitors crumbled to 190 all out

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## What next for the Twenty20 eight?

## By Simon Carter



A CITY-based Twenty20 tournament is a giant step closer to reality in future domestic seasons after the England and Wales Cricket Board announced it has "agreed an approach" for a new eightteam competition.

Here, the *Sports Pink* considers how agreement was reached and what happens next:

WHO HAS DECIDED WHAT?
The consensus was achieved at Lord's on Wednesday between the 18 first-class counties - represented by their chairmen and chief executives – and the MCC. It is a moot point whether a formal vote took place, but there was a "show of hands" which reportedly arrived at the necessary agreement by 16-3. The undertaking at this stage is a narrowing down of the possible options to one – the new eight-team event, which was always the perceived preference of those in high places.

## WHERE AND WHEN WILL THE NEW TOURNAMENT BE

The likelihood, and apparent will, is to fast-track its first season to 2018. It cannot take place next year, because an updated structure for 2017 was announced and set in stone before the start of the current summer. Counties signed up to a one-up two-down promotion and relegation in the four-day championship for this season only in order to achieve the balance which will accommodate a shorter first-class fixture list and therefore an amended Twenty20 and 50-over calendar 12 months on. Finer details of arrangements for the new tournament are yet to be agreed, of course, let alone published. But the intention is that the eight city teams will play at the biggest Test match stadiums, most likely through July, with a lucrative live broadcast deal.

#### DOESN'T THAT MEAN COUN-TIES HAVE VOTED FOR A COM-PETITION WHICH WILL NOT INVOLVE THEM?

Well, yes. At least half of those who have set the wheels in motion will neither stage nor compete in the new tournament. Instead, this summer's NatWest Twenty20 Blast winners Northamptonshire for example, can look forward to



Could James Vince play in a city-based T20 tournament in 2018?

a future in which they continue to compete at that level - before, perhaps, some of their best players graduate to the city competition. That does not mean they will be instantly lost to them, however, because the established 18-team tournament is expected to take place before each renewal of the new one - setting the scene for a main event whose revenue stream, principally from that broadcast contract, will benefit all to the tune of a reported £1 million-plus per county each season and £300,000 more to those staging fixtures.

#### WHEN WILL IT BE CON-FIRMED?

Next month's ECB board meeting will discuss the agreed option further - and before then, county members and players will be able to have their say with club and union officials. There is one further obstacle to be cleared, which may delay the rubber-stamping of English cricket's new Twenty20 future a little further. At present, the ECB's constitution dictates that all professional competitions in this country must be open to all 18 first-class counties. An amendment will therefore need to be achieved.

#### WILL IT WORK?

This depends who you speak to. Vested opinions, if not interests, are deeply held. Many contend that English cricket gave Twenty20 to the world and has since sat back and watched while others - Australia's Big Bash and the Indian Premier League – optimise its potential.

Only Down Under and in India do the world's best players sign up for domestic Twenty20, appar-

ently.

They do so too, we are reminded, to the delight of captive audiences in packed stadiums and living rooms.

Others, however, advise caution before assuming what works in the sunshine cities of Australia and cricket-mad India will automatically catch on in England where fewer are already obsessed with the sport, and the weather does not always play ball either. It is a calculated gamble the

ECB has decided it can no longer afford to resist.

## **Hampshire** triple tons

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Following on, opener Lord Tennyson (116) starred as Hampshire reached 184-5.

Remarkably, they made the draw thanks to No 7 Cecil Abercrombie (165) and No 8 George Brown (140 not out),

Abercrombie died at sea during the first world war three years later.

#### Hampshire v Warwickshire

Portsmouth, July 1920 George Brown (151), Edward Barrett (148) and the county's record runscorer Phil Mead (102 not out batting at No 7) starred as Hampshire posted 616-7 declared en route to an innings win.

Hampshire v Worcestershire New Road, July 1923



**Phil Mead** 

Phil Mead (132), John Newman (130) and captain Charles Brutton (119 no batting at No 7) helped Hampshire total 481-7 declared - an impressive total given they had been

Hampshire won by an innings and 10 runs.

Hampshire v Middlesex Lord's, May 1928

Three of Hampshire's top five all scored centuries as they rattled out 540 at headquarters.

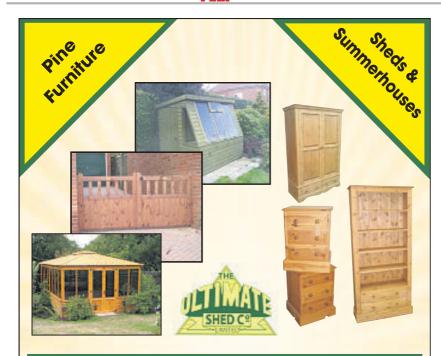
Phil Mead (157) led the scoring followed by Alex Kennedy (121) and Alex Hosie (106) - Hampshire at

one stage 422-3. After Middlesex had been reduced to 200 all out and asked to follow on, the hosts contributed three more centuries as they claimed a draw.

Patsy Hendren (200) and Henry Lee put on 314 for

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## **LOCAL CRICKET**

## Hampshire triple tons

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In addition, captain Nigel Haig was unbeaten on 103 as Middlesex avoided defeat by scoring 532-3.

Hampshire v Notts Trent Bridge, June 1950 After Notts had posted 401 - Charlie Harris scoring 239 of them - Hampshire replied with 468-7 declared.

Öpeners Neil McCorkell (109) and Neville Rogers (100) put on 199 for the first wicket before John Arnold ended unbeaten on 107.

Hampshire v Glamorgan Bournemouth, July 1976 David Turner (127), Barry Richards (111) and skipper Richard Gilliat (101) all starred as Hampshire posted 495 in the lethally hot summer of 1976.

Hampshire's bowlers also



Sean Ervine

enjoyed the conditions, as Glamorgan were twice dismissed to lose by an innings and 119 runs.

Hampshire v Sussex Southampton, April 1992 The only occasion in Hampshire's history where the top three batsmen all made centuries. Openers Paul Terry

Openers Paul Terry (141) and Tony Middleton (153) put on 246 for the first wicket, and Robin Smith (107no) then helped Hampshire total 468-2 declared (David Gower was 55 not out).

After Hampshire forfeited their second innings, they won by 150 runs.

Hampshire v Surrey Oval, September 2016 After Tom Alsop (117) had hit his maiden first class century, Sean Ervine (158 no) and Ryan McLaren (100) helped the visitors total 582-9 declared.

## Disability cricketers clinch trophy triumph



Hampshire's cup winners. Back row (from left): Ashley Humber, Martin Williams, Corie Mapp, James Gunner, Tom Millward, Ben Hyde. Front: Dan Scott, Jack McDonagh, Alex Hammond, Henry Schooling, Will Flynn

HAMPSHIRE'S disability cricketers regained the BACD National Trophy (they last held it in 2012) with a nervy three-wicket win over Shropshire at Wolverhampton.

Alton's Alex Hammond (3-27), who ripped through the Shropshire upper order, collected the trophy from Mike Gatting, ECB's Cricket Partnerships Ambassador.

But Shropshire recovered from 53-5 to post 114 (Adam James 33) and then had Hampshire struggling at 59-5 before Hartley Wintney's Ben Hyde (37) and Invictus Games hero Corie Mapp (21 not out) got Hampshire home.

"It was a great team performance, everyone has contributed at different times through the season and has taken the responsibility to get wickets or score runs at key times, the final was no different," reflected Hampshire D40 captain Alex Hammond.

"Seven of our side play in the Southern Premier League, so there are great opportunities for cricketers with disabilities to play for their county. It is a most rewarding experience."

# Treagus puts plan to retire on hold

ANDOVER batsman Glyn Treagus claims winning the Southern Premier League Division One batting award this year has made him rethink plans to retire from the sport.

The 41-year-old, whose runs helped propel Andover to Division One glory this season, finished top of the league's batting order with a total of 693 runs from his 15 innings, writes MIKE VIMPANY.

His impressive total includes two centuries, one of which was an unbeaten 132 against Totton in August, and four half centuries, all of which helped him to finish 49 runs clear of nearest rival, Basil Akram, who led Sarisbury Athletic's ultimately unsuccessful promotion push.

Treagus confessed that he had considered retiring at the end of this season, but now wants to carry on at the crease.

"I'm 41 now and I had been thinking about retiring, but I've enjoyed this past season so much and played really well so I've decided to keep playing.

"The atmosphere in the dressing room has been excellent this season and we are looking forward to next year."

The batsman also spoke about the surprise of winning the award after recording ducks in his opening two games this season.

He said: "I wasn't actually thinking about it until the last few games of the season

"I was in the top five in

the last eight or nine games of the season and I was keeping an eye on it but I started the year with two ducks and had no runs after two games.

"I'm a little surprised but

"I'm a little surprised but very happy have won the award."

Alongside Treagus there was also an individual honour for bowler Babu Veetill, who shared the Division One bowling award with Bournemouth's teenage left-arm Dominic Clutterbuck, who trialled for Sussex this week.

Veettil took 32 wickets

Veettil took 32 wickets this season, including a five wicket haul against OTs & Romsey.

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**Glyn Treagus** 

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## LOCAL CRICKET

# Parish hand John a perfect present

LONGPARISH cricketers put the icing on their long-standing president John Woodcock's 90th birthday cake by celebrating a remarkable triple Hampshire League promotion, writes Mike Vimpany.

They won the County Division 2 title, thus regaining their place at the league's top table they vacated 20 years ago.

The seconds finished third in Regional 1 North and the 3rd XI fourth in Regional 3 North, into which they were promoted at the start of the season.

Eight straight wins made Parish firsts firm favourites to win County 2 from the start – opener Will de Cani's 569-run aggregate certain to be a candidate for the divisional batting award for the second consecutive season.

President Woodcock, pictured, often looked on from the boundary side as Matt Jackman (22 wickets), Scott Sturt (16) and Alex Coetzee (15) grabbed a lion's share of the wickets.

Longparish took their foot off the pedal and managed to win only one of their last four matches, but their promotion had long since been assured.

The club's second and third teams followed suit in the promotion stakes, with Justin Jackman (210) and Gary Taplin (210) each scored over 200 league runs and Barry Blackmore weighed in with 20 wickets.

Longparish II certainly end-



Longparish, standing (from back): Michael Taplin, Scott Sturt, Harry Martin, Alex Coetzee, Sam Trinder, Billy Mead. Seated: William de Cani, Callum Giles, Paul Blackmore, William Samways, Ben Gardner. Inset, John Woodcock

ed their season in style with a thumping 134-run win over previously unbeaten R1N champions Stockbridge.

Martin Bearpark, who opened his season's account with a cen-

tury against Holybourne and followed it up with two fifty-plus scores, was lead run scorer in the third team's successful R3N pro-

motion campaign.

Jordan Blackmore scored 241

runs besides taking 20 wickets, but Nathan Smith was lead bowler with 23 victims.

Longparish celebrated their promotion successes with a pig roast in the village last night.

Ben Duggar

## Ben hits 178

ISLAND based teenage left-hander Ben Duggan etched his name in Hampshire's cricketing annals by making what is believed to be the highest individual score by a noncontracted player when he made a thumping 178 in the second team's win over Worcestershire this week.

Duggan, 19, who is to spend the winter in Durban, hit 24 boundaries in his career-best knock on the Ageas Bowl Nursery Ground. It was a second consecutive hundred by Duggan, who made 124 for a combined Hampshire/Sussex team against Surrey IIs in his previous knock

## Arnold to play in Oz

AWARD-WINNING new Milton batsmanwicketkeeper Tom Arnold flies to Australia shortly to spend the winter playing sub-district grade cricket in Melbourne.

Arnold, who made 479
Premier Division runs
this season and topped
the wicket-keeping charts
with 28 victims, will play
for Brunswick and link
up with Ben Moss, who
helped Calmore Sports win
promotion this summer.

## Bournemouth recover to secure cup success



Luke Matthews

BOURNEMOUTH lost two wickets off the opening five balls against Basingstoke & North Hants, but recovered to win by 23 runs and lift the Hampshire Under-19 T20 Cup at May's Bounty.

Scott McGaughrin (2-23) sent lead semi-final run scorers Luke Matthews and Jamie Price back to the pavilion before the young Lions had a run on the board, writes Mike Vimpany.

But University of Winchester bound Harry Weal (32) and Harrison Clarke (50) repaired the damage before Jack Owens (40) arrived at the crease to ease Bournemouth to an above-par 135-4.

Ironically, Basingstoke's reply began in equally disastrous fashion, with Max Harsham drilling a Liam Keogh

BOURNEMOUTH lost two half-volley into Robbie Pack's wickets off the opening five safe clutches at extra-cover.

Joe Oates (30) kept the pot boiling, but Basingstoke continued to lose wickets – Louis Parkin taking 3-21 – and needed Ash Neal's unbeaten 23 to help them to an eventual 112-9.

In the semi-finals, Matthews (53) and Price (46) led Bournemouth to 158-5 (George Watts 3-24) against New Milton, who made 85 (Ralf Hussey 32) with Dom Clutterbuck (3-24) and Pack (2-7) doing the damage.

Fair Oak regretted their surprising decision to bat first against Basingstoke and plunged to 43-7 before Tom Watson's unbeaten 37 gave them a modest total to defend.

Joe Oates smashed a halfcentury to guide Basingstoke to a nine-wicket win.

## **Indoor test for Havant**

HAVANT look to extend their summer Southern Premier League successes when the opening round of the Hampshire indoor sixes is played in the Ageas Bowl Indoor School tomorrow evening.

The SPL champions face Sarisbury Athletic in a repeat of last winter's final, which Havant won.

The pair lock horns at 8.15pm, prior to which Longparish face Waterlooville (6.15pm) and Basingstoke & North Hants go head-to-head with arch rivals Hook & Newnham Basics (7.15pm). The three winning sides will play in a round-robin final on Sunday week.

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Saturday, 17 September, 2016
PA CUP; qualifying second round
AFC Portchester O Merithy Town 2.
Altesford Town 1 Cadbury Heath 3
Basingstoke Town O Hungerford Town 1
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Billericay Town 2 Bognor Regis Town 1
Cambridge (fig. 1 Slough Town 3
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Chippenham Town 4 Poole Town 1
Cinecester town 1 Bambury United 6
Concord Rangers 1 AFC Rushden & Diamonds 3
Dereham Town 1 St Albars City 2
East Thurnock United 2 Whitehawk 3
Easthoume Borough 2 Metropolitan Police 1
Ebbsfleet 5 AFC Sudbury 0
Faversham Town 2 Histohin Town 2
Felostow & Walton 2 Bishop's Stortford 1
Hadvey 2 Kings Langley 1
Havant & Waterlooville 5 Highworth Town 1
Hayes & Yeading 0 Worthing 2
Hemel Hempstead 1 Herne Bay 1
Kings Lynn Town 1 Harne Bay 1
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Margate 2 Bigglewade Town 0
North Leigh 2 Westons-Mare 1
Salisbury 1 Gloucester City 2
Sevenoals 2 Cheshmody 0
Weldstorn Town 2 Simbridge 0
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Werlouth 3 Gosport Borough 2 Taunton Town 2 Slimbridge 0
Wealdstone 4 Histon 0
Weymouth 3 Gosport Borough 2
Whytlede 0 Welling 2
Winchester City 4 Trun City 0
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Premier Division
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Bideford 2 Bishops Gleeve 1
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Twenton 3 Didcot 1
Westman 5
Larkfall 0 Bamstaple 1
Twenton 3 Didcot 1
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Welminge 0 Yate 2.
Premier Division
Sankey 1 Bemerton HH 0
Blackfield & Langley 1 Newport IoW 1
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Premier Division
Bashley 1 Bemeton HH 0
Blackfield 6 Langley 1 Newport 10W 1
Bournemouth Poppies 0 Sholing 0
Covers Sports 4 Newwood 0
Fawley AFC 2 Faerham Town 7
Moneyfield 4 Amesbury 2
Portland 1 Andover Town 0
Team Solent 2 Hondowan 1
Division One
Andover WS 1 Folland Sports 2
Christchurch 4 Alton 1
Downton 2 US Portsmouth 2
East Cowes Wcs 1 Shaffreshury 7
Fleet Sputs 2 AFC Stoneham 3
Lavestock & Ford 3 Baffins MR 4
Ringwood 1 Totton & Eling 1
Tadley Callewa 0 New Milton 2
Romsey 0 Weymouth Res 3
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIKE PREMIER
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AFC Gulf Western 0 Bush Hill 5
Colden Common 2 Sholing Res 3
Comades 3 Priory Rovers 0
Durley 2 Michelmersh & T 1
Hamble Cub 3 Winchester Castle 0
Hedge End Town 1 Upham 5
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AFC Petersfield 1 Headley United 5
South Wonston Swifts 1 Four Marks 1
Combination Division
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Michelmersh & 7 pp Hayling United
Paulsgrowe 3 Four Marks 0
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Baffins Milton Rower's A Petersfield Town :
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